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$16.86M deficit in FY 2009

Fitial says austerity Fridays would have resulted in 'balanced' budget

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Excess government spending for personnel, operations, and utilities, as well as less revenue collection resulted in a $16.86 million deficit by the close of Fiscal Year 2009 based on a preliminary financial report, but Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said the deficit would have been prevented had the Legislature acted on his proposed "austerity Fridays."

"If the 16 hours per pay period of austerity measures included in the administration's budget submission had been implemented, the estimated $15.856 million in savings would have essentially balanced the budget despite the medical referral and utility over-expenditures," Fitial said in a letter to the Legislature dated Dec. 31, 2009.

Fitial

However, the governor's Dec. 31 letter detailing preliminary government revenue collection and spending for FY 2009 was not sent to the Legislature until Jan. 20, 2010.

Fitial told lawmakers that the deficit of $16,868,797 was attributed to $346,554 in less

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Microl: Saipan is affected by Toyota recalls

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Some Saipan residents may have to check their Toyota vehicles which could be among those covered in the latest voluntary recall on select Toyota vehicles.

On Thursday, Toyota Motors Sales USA Inc. an-

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Bishop Camacho proclaims Catholic Schools Week

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Bishop Tomas A. Camacho of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa shares a light moment with Mount Carmel School students immediately after he signed a proclamation declaring Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, 2010 Catholic Schools Week, in a brief ceremony yesterday. The 2010 theme is Catholic Schools: Dividends of Life.

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Bishop Tomas A. Camacho proclaimed the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 5 as 2010 Catholic Schools Week in the CNMI and urged faithful of the diocese to participate in its observance that will help instill awareness and appreciation on the values of Catholic education.

In a proclamation ceremony at the diocesan library yesterday, Bishop Camacho was joined by students of Mount Carmel School.

The celebration also aims to recognize the sacrifices of the parents who choose and continue to send their children to

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Pete Reyes: Right now I just want to ignore Froilan

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Sen. Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), the husband of Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP. Reyes, said yesterday that he would just want to ignore House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) at this time.

Tenorio asked Mrs. Reyes last week to vacate her office as soon as possible, but the LB director said her contract expiring on Sept. 30, 2010 obligates her to continue working.

"Right now, I just want to ignore Speaker Froilan," Sen. Pete Reyes told *Saipan Tribune* in an

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Sen. Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) hopes that House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) will focus on the economy, budget, water, power, and hospital issues, among other things, instead of concerning himself with Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP. Reyes, his wife.

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Mentor-Mentee Program

In an effort to provide its students with enhanced peer support, Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education program has implemented a new mentoring program designed to aid participants in meeting their educational objectives.

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No Survivors

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Widow files wrongful death lawsuit

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A widow has filed a wrongful death lawsuit over the drowning in 2008 of her husband at Dump Coke during their honeymoon on Tinian.

Eun Ju Jun sued the Mode Tour Saipan Corp., Mode Tour Network Inc., Jae Min Corp., and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for wrongful death—negligence, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

Jun is the widow of Hoseung Joung. Joung's brother and mother Chan Jung Ho and Jung Su An respectively also joined as co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Colin Thompson, asked the Superior Court to order the defendants to pay them damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

When asked for comments yesterday, Mode Tour, through counsel Thomas Clifford, said they deny any wrongdoing and will defend the lawsuit.

Thompson stated in the complaint that in December 2008, Jun and her husband Joung traveled to the CNMI to spend their honeymoon following their marriage in the Republic of Korea.

As part of their honeymoon, the couple traveled to Tinian and stayed at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Thompson said that, in planning and booking the trip to the CNMI, the couple hired the services of Mode Tour Network, a prominent Korean tour agency.

Through their consultation with Mode Tour Network, the couple booked a cliff fishing tour when they visited Tinian. The cliff fishing tour was to be conducted in the evening and included a meal to be served after the group was done fishing.

Thompson said Mode Tour did not warn or disclose the potential dangers involved in the cliff fishing tour.

The lawyer said that, on Dec. 30, 2008 at 4:30pm the defendants' tour guides picked up the couple for the fishing trip.

The tour guides took the couple and six other Korean tourists to a site popularly called Dump Coke, a fishing area located at a remote and rural part of Tinian.

Prior to this day, Thompson said, the defendants had been warned about the danger of conducting a tour at Dump Coke at night due to the dangers inherent in conducting a tour by a sheer cliff with a 60-foot drop.

After fishing until 6:30pm, the group sat down to a dinner prepared by the tour agents. The dinner was held within a short distance of the cliff line.

As part of this dinner, Thompson said, the agents served alcoholic beverages, including soju, a potent grain alcohol.

The tour agents, he said, joined the tourists in drinking beer and soju. At 9pm the agents started to pack up the fishing rods and clean up the area.

One of the agents started driving the four females of the group, including Jun back to the hotel.

The male tourists, including Joung, and a tour agent stayed behind waiting for another car.

Thompson said while the agent and the males were getting into their car, the agent realized one of the tourists was missing.

The agent telephoned the other agent driving with the females about the missing tourist.

Jun suspected it was her husband that was missing and she started crying. The agent driving Jun and other females drove back to Dump Coke.

Thompson said the agents searched and found Joung floating face down in the water below the cliff.

The Department of Public Safety personnel later retrieved the body and the victim was then pronounced dead at the Tinian Health Center.

"Defendants negligently, carelessly, recklessly and wrongfully failed to investigate the dangers of conducting a cliff fishing tour at the Dump Coke site," Thompson said.

He said there was little to no little light available or provided to the guests while serving the tourists copious amounts of alcohol at Dump Coke.

Investigators find no foul play behind Quarantine officer's death

Police investigators have established that there was no foul play behind the death of a Quarantine officer who was found lifeless in his apartment room in Susupe on Thursday.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David said yesterday that investigators classified the death of 30-year-old Norman Taitano Manglona as a suicide.

David said investigation showed that Manglona died of asphyxiation.

Police received a report on Thursday afternoon about a dead person at an apartment in Susupe.

David said preliminary investigation showed that when Manglona's girlfriend arrived at the apartment at 1:20pm she discovered foul odor coming out from the room.

The girlfriend then called the police. She told police that the last time she spoke to Manglona was on a Sunday morning, Jan. 17, 2010.

At the time, the two had a verbal argument. Manglona apparently mentioned he would then go to work.

Police officers with the assistance of fire personnel were able to open the apartment. Inside the room, the officers observed the victim hanging from a black cable line that was attached to an exposed pipe in the ceiling.

The body was already in advance stage of decomposition. The victim was later transported to the Commonwealth Health Center where a doctor pronounced him dead at 2:37pm that day. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMC board assures 'full revision' of personnel policies, contracts

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A full revision of the personnel policies and employment contracts of Northern Marianas College is currently being drafted and could be adopted early this year.

This according to NMC personnel committee chair Andrew Orsini, who said among the important changes will be the scrapping of the "standard base" policy, which he describes as "unfair" to all employees.

"There's no clear separation of personnel classification. In terms of current practice, it's like everything is standard base which is not fair to some employees. That's one thing we want to change," he said.

NMC has two classifications of employees—faculty and staff.

However, there are two types of employees under the faculty division—instructional and non-instructional while staff may either be an upper management staff member or a support staff.

To date, NMC has a total workforce of 182 of which 76 are faculty and 106 are staff.

Orsini also pointed out that a "new contract" will soon be adopted by the board which he described will satisfy both parties.

The faculty members have long been proposing an indefinite contract for job security. It has no expiration date but would include provisions that they can be terminated from service only with cause.

Although the NMC management earlier considered the indefinite contract proposal, this has been turned down by the faculty for "unacceptable provisions" incorporated in the management proposal.

But Orsini expressed optimism that the new contract they're reviewing would be workable for all parties involved.

He said the board's priority is to make sure that there will be security and continuity of the quality education on campus.

At present, NMC is providing two-year contracts to all its employees and may or not renew them with or without cause.

Orsini said the new board will institute a new process of monitoring and reviewing all personnel actions—a process that he said has never been tried by the past board.

"We are making a lot of changes. There is a new procedure we established in monitoring and reviewing the actions that are taking place on the college," he said.

Orsini also cited the need to change some policies in getting adjunct instructors, or part- time teaching personnel which under the current policy did not go through the upper management's review.

He also emphasized the need to check and revisit the "internal process" within the campus.

Last Friday, NMC interim president Lorraine Cabrera assured students that she will not permit the re-hiring of former instructors who have complaints from students.

Orsini expressed support to the statement of the interim president, citing the need to closely monitor all the personnel actions in the college.

2 men rob taxi driver at knife point

Two unidentified men reportedly robbed a taxi driver at knife point outside an establishment in western Garapan early yesterday morning.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David said according to the victim, Manjurul Alam, the suspects managed to take his bundle of money worth $1,000.

Alam described the suspects as wearing dark colored T-shirt, dark long pants, and a cap.

David said police officers responded to western Garapan after receiving a report about a robbery at 5:15am.

Preliminary investigation showed that while Alam was exiting the rear door of Big Bang Entertainment to throw trash in the dumpster, two men approached and confronted him.

One of the suspects allegedly poked a knife to Alam's back and ordered him not to move.

Alam felt a hand reaching down his left pocket and pulling his money.

The suspects then ran away. The victim called the police for assistance.

"Officers, who responded to the scene, made a routine check around the western Garapan district and found no one fitting the descriptions of the two suspects. It's under investigation," David said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Huge rummage sale on Saturday

The families of Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center have joined together for a huge Rummage Sale that will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 8am to 1pm, at the Sister Remedios School (Enter the road across Payless Supermarket in Chalan Kanoa. The school is right behind the Glory Market.)

A portion of each vendor's proceeds plus all vendor fees will go toward helping the school. Please come by and support the Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center. Don't miss out! There will be so many items to choose from. Lots of big bargains! ***(PR)***

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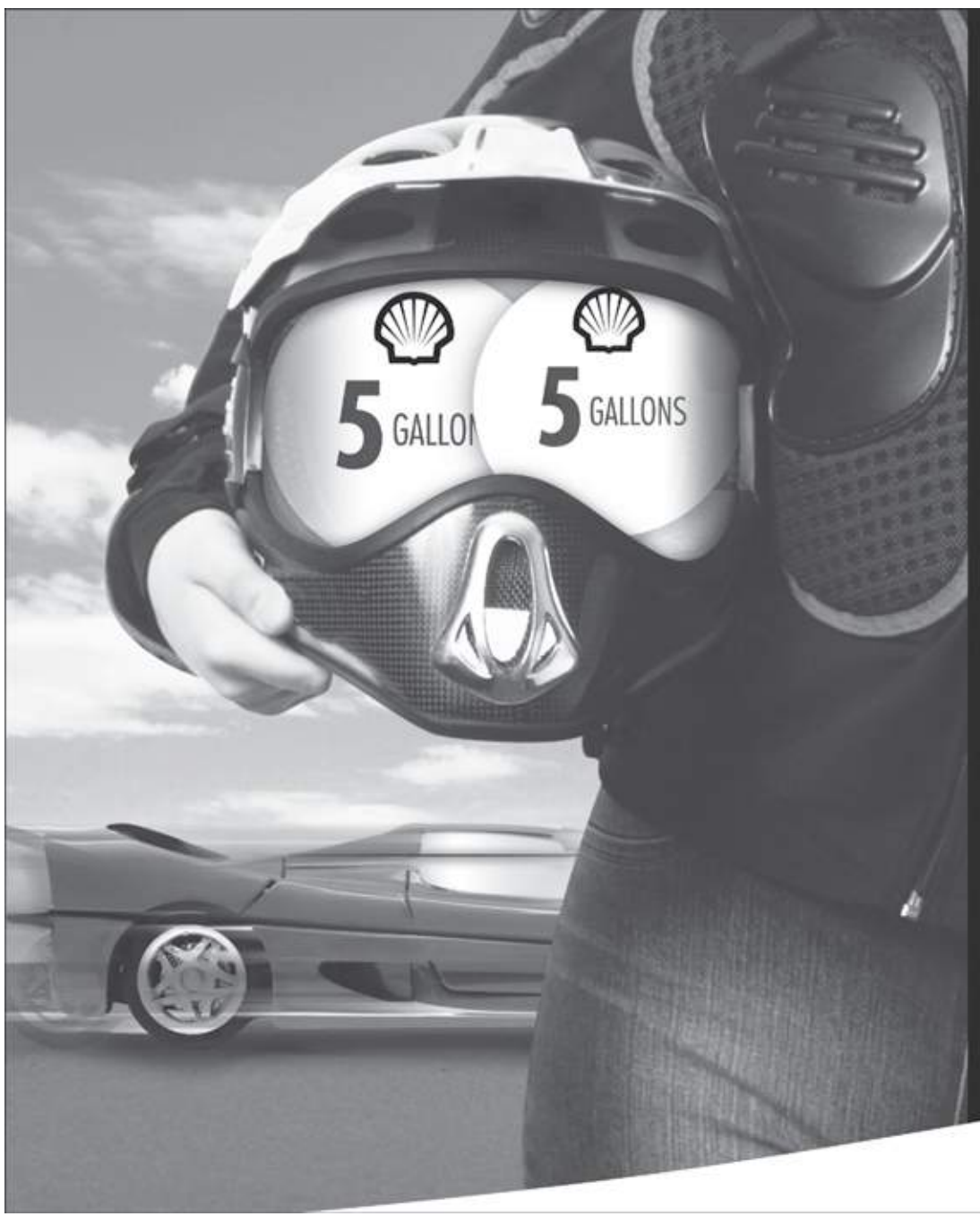

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Police: PNG shootings not related to gas project

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI)—Eleven people have reportedly been shot dead in Papua New Guinea, amid a dispute over profits from the massive LNG project.

The US$16 billion project, will see a pipeline carrying liquid natural gas from an ExxonMobil site in PNG's Southern Highlands to Port Moresby from 2014.

The Post Courier reports a gang of villagers from Erave district, in the Southern Highlands, attacked their neighboring clan with high-powered guns in an early morning raid over the weekend.

The raid is believed to be retaliation for a previous killing that happened in the lead-up to LNG benefit-sharing negotiations last December.

However, the, The Southern Highlands Provincial Police Commander, Jimmy Onopia, says details are unclear so far, as police have been unable to get to the remote area.

"There is no road access; the only access is by air. We don't have the funds to charter a chopper or helicopter to fly in the troops," said Onopia. "As for the 11 people killed, I can not confirm because we are yet to visit the area. It definitely doesn't have anything to do with the LNG project."

Jimmy Onopia says police hope to be into the area in the next two days to find out what happened.

$16.86M

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revenue collected than estimated, as well as $16,522,243 in excess expenditures over appropriations contained in Public Law 16-32.

Budget allotments for FY 2009 totaled $102,216,144, but actual spending reached $118,738,387, for an over-expenditure of $16,522,243.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said yesterday that the $16.86 million in deficit and overspending is a "glaring" fact.

"How did we overspend over $16 million when we didn't have that money in the first place? Former Sen. Maria 'Frica' Pangelinan repeatedly raised the same concern in the past that it's called unauthorized illegal expenditure, not overspending or deficit," he said. Yumul is a former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The Legislature was the only one that reported spending within its means in FY 2009 and in fact, was able to return to the general fund an excess amount of $398,704.

Other agencies and programs, from the Executive Branch departments to the Judicial Branch, exceeded their allotments.

'Preliminary, unedited'

But Yumul said Fitial's report is still "preliminary."

"As the governor said, there may be changes in the figures once the 120 days are over and the figures are revised," he said.

The governor told lawmakers that 1 CMC 7708 allows 120 days from the end of the fiscal year for completion of accruals, adjustments and finalization of encumbrances which may result in changes to the total amounts reported in his letter.

The unaudited amounts have been provided to auditors who are currently auditing the government's FY 2009 financial activity.

Fitial said any changes in the amounts will be reflected in the final audit report for FY 2009, a copy of which will be provided to the Legislature as soon as completed.

"This report shows total expenditures and other financing sources exceeding total revenues and other financing uses, closing Fiscal Year 2009 with a deficit of $16,868,797," Fitial told lawmakers.

Revenue collections

In his letter, Fitial said revenue collections and other financing sources recorded for FY 2009, exclusive of those reserved for debt service, totaled $147.737 million which was $0.347 million less than projected.

This was mainly due to a significant decline in business gross revenue tax collections at $2.69 million less than estimate.

This was offset by income tax collections increasing by $3.482 million over estimate, resulting in total tax collections being $1.279 million over the estimate.

License and fees, charges for services and other revenue collections fell short of the estimate by a combined $1.476 million, mainly due to decreases in the total number of poke machines licensed, $0.595 million; hospital collections, $0.573 million; and lottery revenue, $0.141 million.

Other financing sources and uses totaled $0.150 million under the estimate.

Excess spending

Fitial attributed the excess expenditures to personnel cost accounting for some $8.5 million; excess expenditures of $5.1 million in all others or "operations"; and utilities expense of a little over $2.9 million.

"The excess personnel cost was incurred primarily because no austerity measures were enacted or in place during the fiscal year," Fitial said, referring to his proposed 16-hour pay cut per pay period that the Legislature didn't implement.

The $5.1 million in excess expenditures under the "operations" or "all others" category was primarily attributed to medical referral costs of some $4 million, and unbudgeted local CNMI share of Medicaid spending.

These expenditures are net of Compact Impact funds, transfers to non general fund sources and transfers of some 50 percent of medical referral costs to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Stabilization grant.

"The unfunded and remitted portion of the employer contribution to the NMI Retirement Fund calculated at approximately $12.6 million has not been accrued and therefore, does not affect the expenditure amounts reported herein," the governor said.

At the end of his letter, Fitial asked lawmakers for their "continued assistance and support to provide essential government services."

FY 2010 budget

The 16th Legislature was also deadlocked on a budget for FY 2010, which began on Oct. 1, 2009. Due to the absence of a timely passed budget, the government has been under continuing resolution since Oct. 1.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), who took office on Jan. 11, vowed that an FY 2010 budget bill will be passed in 30 days.

Senate Pres. Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said the Senate will immediately act on the budget bill that the House will pass.

The House will hold its session on Thursday at 10am, but a copy of the agenda sent out early this week did not include an FY 2010 budget bill.

MICROL

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nounced the recall of approximately 2.3 million vehicles to correct sticking accelerator pedals on specific Toyota Division models.

This is separate from the previous recall of approximately 4.2 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles to reduce the risk of pedal entrapment by incorrect or out of place accessory floor mats. Approximately 1.7 million Toyota Division vehicles are subject to both separate recall actions.

In the CNMI, Microl Corp. is the authorized distributor of new Toyota vehicles.

Doug Brennan, vice president and general manager of Microl Corp., confirmed yesterday that the latest recall affects some of those vehicles shipped to Saipan.

"Yes, Saipan is affected by this recall. Toyota has advised us of the safety issues. Safety is important to us," Brennan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said since the announcement of the recall on Thursday, Microl Corp. has received some 50 calls from concerned customers.

Brennan advised those who may have questions about the recalls to call Microl Corp. at 234-5911.

"We have able and knowledgeable staff who could secure the vehicles and would be happy to answer questions that customers may have," he added.

Toyota's accelerator pedal recall is confined to the following Toyota Division vehicles:

- 2009-2010 RAV4,
- 2009-2010 Corolla,
- 2009-2010 Matrix,
- 2005-2010 Avalon,
- 2007-2010 Camry,
- 2010 Highlander,
- 2007-2010 Tundra,
- 2008-2010 Sequoia

More information about the recall can be accessed at www.toyota.com.

Toyota Motors Sales Group Vice President Irv Miller, in a statement, said in recent months, Toyota has investigated isolated reports of sticking accelerator pedal mechanisms in certain vehicles without the presence of floor mats.

"Our investigation indicates that there is a possibility that certain accelerator pedal mechanisms may, in rare instances, mechanically stick in a partially depressed position or return slowly to the idle position. Consistent with our commitment to the safety of our cars and our customers, we have initiated this voluntary recall action," he said.

No Lexus Division or Scion vehicles are affected by this recall action.

Also not affected are Toyota Prius, Tacoma, Sienna, Venza, Solara, Yaris, 4Runner, FJ Cruiser, Land Cruiser, and select Camry models, including all Camry hybrids.

The condition is rare, but can occur when the pedal mechanism becomes worn and, in certain conditions, the accelerator pedal may become harder to depress, slower to return or, in the worst case, stuck in a partially depressed position.

Toyota said it is working quickly to prepare the correction remedy. In the event that a driver experiences an accelerator pedal that sticks in a partial open throttle position or returns slowly to idle position, the vehicle can be controlled with firm and steady application of the brakes.

Toyota said the brakes should not be pumped repeatedly because it could deplete vacuum assist, requiring stronger brake pedal pressure. The vehicle should be driven to the nearest safe location, the engine shut off and a Toyota dealer contacted for assistance.

Toyota said it will continue to investigate incidents of unwanted acceleration and take appropriate measures to address any trends that are identified.

In the CNMI, Toyotas are among the top selling brands among vehicle makes and models.

In 2009, for example, Toyota Corolla was not only the top car of choice, but also the most saleable unit among all vehicle types, units or models. There were 62 new Toyota Corollas sold from January to December 2009, followed by Toyota Yaris with 50 new units sold.

Among sports utility vehicles, Mitsubishi Outlander was the top choice with 28 sold units in 2009, and Toyota RAV4 came in second with 26 units sold. Nissan Frontier sold the most number of new trucks with 19 units, followed by Toyota Tacoma with 17. Among vans, GM Vans topped the sales chart with six units sold in 2009, followed by Toyota Sienna with five sold units.

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Catholic schools and acknowledged the outstanding commitment of the teachers, administrators, and other personnel who provide excellent education to children.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life," which highlights the Catholic schools' commitment to infuse students with the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that will help them lead fulfilling lives.

Bishop Camacho's proclamation covered three Catholic schools—Mount Carmel School on Saipan, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja in Rota, and St. Joseph Catholic School on Tinian.

According to MCS president Margaret C. Dela Cruz, there are an estimated about 500 students enrolled in these three Catholic schools in the Commonwealth.

Despite the continuous decline in enrollment as a result of distress economy, Dela Cruz is thankful that there are still families who really believe in the Catholic education and choose to send their children.

As part of the weeklong celebration, an Eucharistic celebration at Mount Carmel Cathedral is slated for Jan. 31 while activities are lined up on Feb. 1 including tree-planting around the school, reading at Sr. Remedios by its senior class, and beach cleanup by the sophomore class.

At 6pm on Feb. 1, a donor appreciation banquet is slated at Saipan Grand Hotel while teacher appreciation ceremony and awarding of outstanding teacher and support staff of the year will be on Feb. 2.

A poster-making contest and essay writing contest for students are also set on Feb. 3 while guest speakers will be invited to talk to the class on Feb. 4 as well as a poetry presentation.

The event will be capped by a student field day, street parade, mass demonstration, and games and family fun night on Feb. 5.

The Catholic church on Saipan chose to bring Catholic education to the CNMI and established MCS in 1952.

It was in 1985 when the Catholic Church on Saipan was elevated to a diocese and subsequently set up a Catholic Education College. In 1989, the people of Rota established Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja and in 1997, St. Joseph Catholic School was established on Tinian.

These schools train and produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spiritual, character, and moral development.

PETE

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interview at his office yesterday afternoon.

He was off island when Tenorio asked Reyes's wife to vacate her office. Tenorio was not available for comments yesterday.

"I am hoping that the speaker gets tired of the LB director issue and start working on the issues that will help the people, the reason why he's elected into office, like taking care of the economy, the budget, water, power, the Commonwealth Health Center," said Sen. Pete Reyes, who was the Senate president when his wife was appointed.

Because of a conflict of interest, Pete Reyes recused himself from appointing and signing the appointment paper and contract in 2008. He said the leadership decided to have former Sen. Maria "Frica" Pangelinan to represent the Senate in the appointment of the LB director.

Thus, it was then House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) and Pangelinan who signed Mrs. Reyes' appointment effective from Oct. 21, 2008 "and not to exceed January 11, 2010," when the 17th Legislature came into office.

On Nov. 12, 2009, or just weeks before the Jan. 11, 2010, expiration of the contract, Palacios and Pangelinan extended Mrs. Reyes' contract to Sept. 30, 2010.

Senate Pres. Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said during the weekend that he now wants to move past the LB director controversy by allowing Reyes to work until the end of her contract on Sept. 30, 2010, or having the matter resolved by the Supreme Court.

The issue of appointing and firing the Legislative Bureau director needs the concurrence of both the House and Senate leaderships.

58 sea vessels dock at Saipan port in 1HQ

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The Port of Saipan has accommodated a total of 58 sea vessels in the first quarter of the fiscal year, according to the Commonwealth Ports Authority seaport facilities committee.

In a report last Friday, committee chairman Benigno R. Sablan disclosed that of the total sea vessels, 50 are passenger or commercial vessels that called the port in Saipan while eight are military vessels.

Compared to commercial vessels, CPA is not collecting any fee from the military as part of the agreement signed by both entities in the past.

Saipan Tribune learned that from the 50 passenger vessels that docked in October to December 2009, the port generated a total of $16,038 revenue—a significant drop from the same period in fiscal year 2009 which was $22,378 total revenue.

A drastic decline in the number of paying passengers was also noted in the report—from FY 2009's 3,896 to only 2,122 in the first quarter of fiscal year 2010.

Sablan reported that total inbound and outbound cargoes recorded from the 50 commercial vessels totaled 56,702 revenue tonnage with an estimated dollar value of $646,405.

The facilities committee report also indicated that a total of 836 crew members were onboard the eight military vessels that docked in the first three months of the fiscal year.

Saipan Tribune learned that USNS *Lummus* docked with 52 personnel and that it remained at outer anchorage; USS *Ingraham* with 205 personnel; USS *Santa Fe* with 154 crew members; USS *Los Angeles* with 141 men; USNS *Lummus* with 52 personnel; USNS *Allen Shephard* with 53 persons onboard; USNS *Lummus* with 39 personnel; and USS *Houston* with 140 men.

'Tinian, Rota port operation'

CPA reported that there were only two commercial vessels that were accommodated on Tinian port during the first quarter of the year.

Sablan's report indicated that MT *Golden Micronesia* called the port twice to discharge petroleum products during this reporting period with estimated revenue tonnage of $8,061.

The MV *Tug Chamorro*, meantime, called the port three times during the three-month period. It recorded estimated revenue tonnage of $1,844 for three times.

CPA noted that it continue to collect wharfage collection from SN5 Shipping Company, which totaled $1,620 for three months period.

In Rota, MV *Super Shuttle* and MV *Tug Chamorro* are the only vessels servicing the island. The two posted a total of five port calls during the first quarter.

31 schools to take part in CHamoru Language Competition

The 7th Annual CHamoru Language Competition will be held at the University of Guam campus during its Charter Day celebration on March 9, 2010 from 8am to 5pm.

A total of 31 schools from Guam and the Northern Marianas will converge at the UOG Fieldhouse, the Fine Arts Theater and the CLASS Lecture Hall in elementary, middle and high school divisions.

Based on the theme, I FINO CHAMORU: Fuetsan i Hinanao-ta Ni Manaotao Marianas (The CHamoru Language: The Strength of the People in the Marianas), genres include spelling bee, drawing, storytelling, childrens choir, oratorical, poetry recitation, chant, choral reading, essay, proficiency, individual male and female singing, dramatic cultural interpretation and song with dance says Peter R. Onedera, event organizer and chair of the competition.

The island of Rota will be represented by students from Sinapalo Elementary, Rota Junior High and Rota High School. Tinian's students will come from Grace Christian Academy, Tinian Elementary, Tinian Junior High and Tinian Senior High School. Saipan's students will represent Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary, Kagman Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, William S. Reyes Elementary, and Marianas High School.

Schools from Guam include BP Carbullido Elementary, C.L. Taitano Elementary, Chief Brodie Elementary, JQ San Miguel Elementary, Liguan Elementary, Maria Ulloa Elementary, Merizo Martyrs Elementary, Talofofo Elementary, Upi Elementary, Astumbo Middle, LP Untalan Middle, Mt. Carmel School, Oceanview Middle, George Washington High, John F. Kennedy High, Okkodu High and Southern High School.

In addition, 18 members of the CHamoru speaking community have agreed to comprise the distinguished panel of judges with representation from all the islands of the Marianas.

These include Janice San Nicolas Furukawa, Mayor Carol S. Tayama, Dr. Judy Flores, Victor Tuquero, Frank M. Rabon, JRae Tedtaotao, and Sen. Ben Pangelinan from Guam.

CNMI members are comprised of Frank Lee San Nicolas Borja and Carmen D. San Nicolas of Tinian; Annette Songao, Garren Quitugua and Sen. Jovita Maratita Taimanao of Rota; Ron Taisacan, Elsa N. Castro, Maira K. Rios, Eleanor Aguon, Frances Manibusan Sablan, and Patricia P. Kapileo of Saipan. The event is free and open to the public. ***(PR)***

Autism Society of the CNMI meeting on Jan. 30

The Autism Society of the CNMI will be holding its monthly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010 at 10am at the NMPASI Conference Room. Information regarding the group and future meetings will be available at this meeting. All families and friends of individuals with autism and autism related spectrum disorders are invited to attend. For additional information, call John at 234-8803/4 or Larrisa at 322-3761 or send an email to as_cnmi@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

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TO RETAIN 105 TEACHER POSITIONS

BOE eyes increased consolidated grant to replace SFSF in 2012

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Public School System is looking for a consolidated funding source to allow it to retain its current number of teachers even after its $32.3 million State Fiscal Stabilization Fund grant runs out.

The SFSF grant helped PSS restore 105 teachers and school counselor positions for all 20 public schools.

Board of Education fiscal and personnel committee chair Herman T. Guerrero, however, said the SFSF is only good until 2012.

Guerrero said the challenge now for PSS, which unfortunately continues to receive inadequate funding support from the local government, is to retain the 105 positions after the grant runs out.

Fortunately, Guerrero said, the board is serious in finding a solution to the "anticipated challenge." He said the board has decided to explore the possibility of tapping new federal grants even if it means stricter requirements for the system.

Guerrero admitted that PSS and BOE had initiated the conversation with the U.S. Department of Education if CNMI-PSS can switch the concept of operating under Title 1 provisions from the existing Title V rules.

The FPA committee head explained that if PSS will choose to operate under Title 1, one major benefit is the possibility of receiving increased federal grants for its various programs and projects.

Under Title V, PSS received less than $10 million every fiscal year under its consolidated grant provided it continue to comply with the specific requirements and standards under the Title V.

For Title I, Guerrero explained that PSS may receive a greater amount of federal assistance because consolidated grant under Title I may increase threefolds. However, he pointed out that in exchange for this greater amount, stricter standards and additional requirements must be complied with by the CNMI public schools.

"It is our understanding that if we go Title I there is a possibility that the amount of money under the consolidated grant will increase three times than what we receive now. So we're talking about $30 million in federal grants in Title I. We're here now looking at that option and we initiated the conversation," he said.

Guerrero is optimistic that with the assistance from Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan and other USDOE officials, this will make possible for CNMI.

Sablan, he said, is also working with fellow U.S. House members how CNMI can benefit from the proposed "reauthorization of No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."

The board member admitted that the board has yet to identify other funding source that would replace the SFSF dollars when it expires in 2012.

He has yet to answer if the system could retain all the restored positions if CNMI-PSS decided not to pursue the Title 1.

At present, PSS has 564 teachers in three islands. In a previous board meeting, federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh admitted that only half of the 105 posts have yet been filled. These are the positions that were cut in the last four years due to budgetary constraints of PSS.

The school system is operating under a continuing budget of only $34.6 million for its 20 public campuses and over 11,000 students in three islands. Under the same local funding source, salaries of personnel, utilities, supplies, and operation are also being paid. At present, the system has recorded accumulative $14 million in unfunded liability to the Retirement Fund as a result of not enough money to pay for the employer's contribution.

"The board will continue to look at other ways…but for now, we're thinking that Title I would replace basically the SFSF [after 2 years]," he said, adding that some of the basic requirements under Title V was also part of the standards under Title I.

"We're in compliance with some of those requirements already," he said.

Guerrero said it is important for the public school education to continue despite the economic situation of the islands.

"We need to survive and take advantage of these grants. It's for the education of our children," he said.

INVITATION FOR BID

The United States Department of Agriculture/ Natural Resources Conservation Service will be accepting bids for Waterway A, B & C construction work for the Kagman Watershed project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Performance time is 760 days after the receipt of Notice to Proceed. A pre-bid meeting/site showing will be held at **10:00 am (Saipan Time) Friday January 29, 2010** at the Santa Soledad Church, Cha-cha Rd., Kagman. Submitted bids must be received before **2:00 pm (Hawaii Standard Time) Friday February 19, 2010** at: USDA Natural Recourses Conservation Service, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, HI 96859-0050. The full bid package and all other information may only be obtained and downloaded at the following website after **January 21, 2010.** (Hawaii Standard Time)

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=main&mode=list&tab=list

(Search with solicitation number: AG-9251-S-10-0001, select packages tab to view full bid package.)

(NO HARDCOPIES WILL BE HANDED OUT):

This project is funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC Alumni general membership meeting

There will be a general membership meeting of all NMC alumni (those who have graduated with NMC degrees or those who have earned at least 24 NMC academic credits) at the Pacific Islands Club Seaside Grill on Jan. 27, 2010 (Wednesday), between 5pm to 7pm. All NMC alumni are invited to attend. We will be electing new NMC alumni officers. Come and get re-acquainted with former classmates. Your presence is greatly appreciated! ***(PR)***

H1N1 vaccinations at GES

Garapan Elementary School would like to announce that the Department of Public Health would be conducting the second round of H1N1 vaccines on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010. Parents and legal guardians who would like their children to receive their vaccine for the first time can pick up a consent form at the Garapan Elementary School nurse's clinic from 7:30am to 4:30pm daily or call 237-3341 and have a permission form sent home with their child. Students who received the first round of vaccinations will be administered the second dose on Jan 27, 2010. ***(PR)***

DHS files six more removal cases

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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has filed six new removal cases before the Saipan U.S. Immigration Court.

The six respondents are Chinese nationals. They are set to appear for their initial appearance in court today, Wednesday.

According to court records, the respondents are Guangxu Jin, Fu Chen, Meng Yang Yu, Xiu Hong Luo, Jian Guo Zhang, and Jiao He.

The hearings of the six respondents are set to start at 10am or after the continuation of the proceedings in the first five separate removal cases that DHS had earlier filed.

The respondents in the first five removal cases are Danilo Rejano, Jiang Guo, Mei Wen Wu, Minglong Li, and Zhoumin Wang. Except Rejano, all are Chinese nationals.

Immigration Judge David C. Anderson is expected to conduct today's hearings.

Anderson was appointed Immigration judge in 2003. He used to serve as an assistant district counsel with the DHS in San Pedro, California from 2000 until his appointment in 2003.

Judge Anderson served as assistant district counsel with the Immigration and Naturalization in Los Angeles from 1998 to 2000.

He served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1992 to 1998. He is a member of the California Bar, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The first historic federal immigration hearings on Saipan were held on Dec. 16, 2009

Immigration Judge J. Daniel Dowell, who is from Miami, Florida, conducted the historic proceedings of the five removal cases.

After informing the respondents of their legal rights, explaining the proceedings, and listening to the statements of the respondents and counsels, Dowell set the next hearings of the five cases for today, Jan. 27, 2010 at 9am.

Dowell reminded the respondents to appear at the Jan. 27 hearings with or without counsel.

Vendors needed for Kagman Friday Market

The Kagman Friday Night Market is looking for interested vendors to sell food, drinks, produce, fish, clothing, and crafts starting on Jan. 29. The Kagman Friday Night Market takes place at the Kagman Community Center every government payday Friday from 4pm to 10pm. It is also known as Puengin Inetnon and is a family oriented event. Contact 256-7678 or email kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com for more info. ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

Recruitment For Zoning Administrator

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Zoning Administrator. This is a full-time position on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Zoning Administrator manages the Zoning Office, which is responsible for processing permit inquiries and applications, maintaining record and data systems, inspecting and enforcing compliance, interpreting the Saipan Zoning Law with assistance of legal counsel, educating the public, staffing the Zoning Board, coordinating with other agencies, preparing updates to the Saipan Zoning Law and Board Regulations, preparing budgets and tracking expenditures, and preparing reports and grant applications (see Section 310 of the Saipan Zoning Law at www.zoning.gov.mp).

The Saipan Zoning Law of 2007 became effective on February 1, 2008. Since then, the Zoning Office has processed about 6000 inquiries and zoning permits. The Zoning Board is committed to professionally administering the Law; maintaining close contact with elected officials, the public, other agencies and the business community; and adapting the Law to changing circumstances.

The minimum requirements for the position are a baccalaureate degree, but preferably a graduate degree, in planning or a related field such as engineering, architecture, urban planning, environmental science, public administration and five years of progressive experience in land use planning, comprehensive planning or land use administration (CNMI Zoning Code § 7222).

Preferred Competencies: Knowledge of zoning and land use control and planning theory and practice including preparation, administration and enforcement. Knowledge of records management techniques including permit record systems, databases and Geographic Information Systems. Proficiency with office software including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Internet browsers. Skill in researching printed and Internet documents and ability to quickly compile and analyze information and prepare concise reports. Ability to supervise and motivate others and to cooperatively work in a team setting. Ability to work effectively with Zoning Board members; political, business and community leaders; and with the general public in cross-cultural settings with people with English as a second language. Previous experience administering zoning laws, regulations or ordinances. Ability to balance competing work demands and set priorities. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in English. Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends. Ability to drive a stick-shift car and to walk into construction sites and across rough terrain. Work experience in Micronesia, preferably the Northern Mariana Islands, and have working knowledge about laws, government regulations and administrative procedures is an advantage.

The maximum annual salary is $50,000. Health, life and retirement benefits are provided. Information about the Zoning Board and the Zoning Office may be viewed at the Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp.

Application submittals should be addressed to Herminia Fusco, Chair, Commonwealth Zoning Board and must be received at the Zoning Office by February 19, 2010. Submittals may be sent via e-mail, FAX, U.S. mail, or hand delivered to the address below. Submittals must include a letter of interest, at least three most recent (from 2008 to 2009) writing samples (personally authored), a CNMI Application For Employment, a resume and other documents as listed on the employment application checklist and as requested. The Application for Employment may be downloaded from the publications page of the Zoning Board website. Applicants must be US citizens, permanent residents or immediate relatives. Send submittals to: E-mail: staff@zoning.gov.mp. FAX: 670-234-9666. US Mail: Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 USA. Hand Delivery: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
PROMOTIONAL & OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School System (PSS), Human Resources Office shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Public Law 6 - 10, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin. Applicants for this position must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Announcement No: **PSS-2009-052** Application & Employment Type: **Non-Certified**
Position Title: **LEGAL COUNSEL (Amendment / Re-Announcement I)**
Pay Level/Step: **UNGRADED** Per Annum Salary: **$40,000.00 - $60,000.00**
Opening Date: **January 11, 2010** Closing Date: **February 11, 2010**
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INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION WITH QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION FORMS AT THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT THE 3rd FLOOR RETIREMENT BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS: (1) COPY OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE; (2)LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS; (3) POLICE CLEARANCE (FROM PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR PAST SIX MONTHS); (4) VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT LETTER (S); (5) RESUME; (6) CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING FROM BAR ASSOCIATION; AND (7) WRITING SAMPLE. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE OR MAILED TO: CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE, RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING; THIRD FLOOR, P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950, and TEL. #. (670) 237-3051, FAX # (670) 664-3707. ALSO VISIT http://www.pss.cnmi.mp/humanresources ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB.

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SHRM to hold seminar on how to obtain employment-based visas, advanced parole

The Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter is pleased to announce a half-day seminar titled "Obtaining Employment-Based Visas and Advanced Parole," that will be presented by Walter Haith, Guam/CNMI Field Office Director for the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) at the Hyatt Regency Saipan tomorrow, Jan. 28, from 8am to 12pm.

This timely seminar is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and employees to learn how to petition for an Employment-Based U. S. Visa for any of the following four categories: 1) Professional Workers, 2) Skilled Workers, 3) Transitional Workers, or 4) Religious Workers. Haith will also provide information on qualification criteria for each petition category, requirements for each visa classification, the validity of each classification, the cost of each petition and who must pay for it, and who can file a petition. A presentation on "Advance Parole" will also be provided, which will cover topics such as how to apply for Advance Parole, the processing time involved, expediting a parole, and what information should be included with an Advanced Parole application. Any nonresident worker that travels abroad will need an Advance Parole to re-enter the CNMI.

The seminar includes refreshments, lunch, and handouts. The cost is $30 for SHRM members and $40 for non-members. Seats are limited so reserve your seat by contacting Polly Deleon Guerrero (SHRM CNMI Chapter Vice President) at the Pacific Islands Club at 237-5122 or email Eric Plinske (SHRM CNMI Chapter President) at ericplinske@yahoo.com.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Representing more than 250,000 individual members, the Society's mission is to serve the needs of HR professionals by providing the most essential and comprehensive resources available. As an influential voice, the Society's mission is also to advance the human resource profession to ensure that HR is recognized as an essential partner in developing and executing organizational strategy. The CNMI Chapter is composed of human resource professionals from a variety of industries, large and small, who recognize a need for a local society for professionals in the human resource field. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization.

Human resource and management professionals who are not members of SHRM are encouraged to join. Applications can be obtained at the meeting or by emailing Eric Plinske, SHRM CNMI Chapter President.

Reserve your seat by calling Polly at PIC at 237-5122 or email Eric Plinske at ericplinske@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

PAWS offers $400 reward for info on cat beheading

Pet Assistance and Welfare Services is offering a $400 reward for information which leads to the apprehension of the individual or individuals responsible for the gruesome beheading of a cat in Garapan on or about Jan. 24, 2010. Please contact us or report your tips anonymously to Crimestoppers at https://nmi-crimestoppers.com/tippost.asp. ***(PR)***

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/s/ MATHILDA A. ROSARIO
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB10-RDFW-046

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB10-DFW-052

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ELEVEN (11) FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES (FADs) FOR THE DIVISION OF FIST & WILDLIFE-FISHERIES RESEARCE PROGRAM"

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A PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2010 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE'S CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN. ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS ITB SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO MR. MICHAEL TENORIO AT 670) 664-6044 OR (670) 285-0427 NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 16, 2010, CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB10-DFW-047

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 05, 2010 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

January 27, 1999

Citizenship concurred

A Washington plan that will grant long-time non-resident workers in the Northern Marianas US citizenship or permanent residency status is acceptable, according to Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan. The proposal, put forward by Edward B. Cohen, President Bill Clinton's special representative, in last week's consultations with the commonwealth will be contained in a revised legislation on takeover the White House is drafting. Washington officials are worried about the extreme reliance of the island's economy on foreign labor, which make up more than 90 percent of work force in the private sector, and a number of problems spawned in hosting non-resident workers, now numbering between 28,000 and 30,000.

Governor backs retirement-payment plan

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday backed the proposal of retired teachers for the cash-strapped government to come up with a payment plan that will hasten the release of their 30 percent retirement bonus. The governor met with retirees to discuss possible ways that will prevent further delays in releasing the cash bonus, which under an existing law must be issued in lump sum. As a way of helping the administration curb its expenditures, more than a hundred government employees have heeded calls of the CNMI leader to avail of the benefits and allow unemployed residents take on their jobs. The government's request to suspend the retirement bonus until revenue collections have stabilized has been approved by the House of Representatives, but has put in place safeguards to ensure that civil service employees will not lose the benefit at all and that funds will be made available at any given fiscal year for this purpose.

January 27, 2000

Probe Villagomez

Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero yesterday formally sought an investigation into bribery allegations leveled against Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez in connection with the controversial Saipan power project. But the utility chief called the charges "lies" as he shrugged off the senator's move, claiming it is tainted with "personal agenda." Mr. Guerrero asked the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations to undertake the probe into what he described as "serious allegations" raised in an affidavit reportedly signed by Alice Fleming Villagomez, ex-wife of the executive director.

Half of financial aid grantees suspended

Almost half of Northern Marianas students who have been granted financial assistance under the Paul Manglona Scholarship since school year 1991 were suspended from the program, a report from the government disclosed. However, recipients of the Teachers Scholarship Program, created under Public Law 11-34, performed better. The program has already produced 17 education graduates since 1997, with at least 87 of the total 135 grantees managed to maintain their scholarship. Government statistics noted that 43 recipients of the Paul Manglona Scholarship, created under Public Law 7-32, have been dropped from the program for failure to comply with grade and credit requirements.

January 27, 2003

Increased military presence sought

The Senate is batting for stepped up military presence on the island of Tinian to prepare the Commonwealth for the full-scale implementation of the Homeland Security Program. The upper house recently confirmed its stand on the issue through Senate Joint Resolution 13-12, which is requesting the U.S. Department of Defense to carry out its regional defense responsibilities. The resolution was introduced by Senators Pete P. Reyes and Ramon S. Guerrero. The Senate cited that the federal government leased 3,000 hectares of land on Tinian for purposes pursuant to Article VIII, Section 802 of the Covenant.

Anti-drag racing efforts beefed up

Public Safety Commissioner Edward Camacho ordered Friday an intensified effort against illegal drag racers in the Commonwealth. Camacho mentioned the need to strengthen existing police program against drag racing, following the reported widespread operations of the illegal activity, which is luring more kids on Saipan to danger. The police official reminded the public that drag racing remains an illegal activity in the Northern Marianas, as he warned that those caught violating the law will be dealt with accordingly.

Rota Treasure Island Corporation is pleased to announce the final Timetable for the upcoming Rota Casino Project.

Purchase price for Rota Hotel, **5 Million Dollars.**

Purchase Agreement

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代表取締役 永瀬宏志

買主：住所
会社名 Rota Treasure Island co.
代表取締役

Masahiro Watanabe president of Rota Treasure Island Corporation has been negotiating with the Rota Hotel for its plans on establishing Casino facilities. Finally, Rota Treasure Island Corporation has succeeded in purchasing the Rota Hotel at a staggering price of five million dollars ($5,000,000.00). This investment is part of the Rota Treasure Island Corporation.

Legal transaction will be officially completed before the end of January, 2010. At the same time, Mr. Watanabe is willing to start renovation of the Rota Hotel and prepare all the necessary arrangements for establishing a Casino & Hotel facility. Completion of the renovation will take couple of months for improvements of the entire facility. As the project progresses with renovations, the Rota Treasure Island Corporation, Marketing Team will be working hard in promoting the Casino to the Japan and Asian markets.

Mr. Watanabe will be making a payment of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000.00) to the Rota Gaming Commission for fees pertaining to a Casino License that will be valid for 5 years, on February 22, 2010. An investigation is still in progress by the Gaming Commission. Normally the license is given for one (1) year, but Mr. Watanabe insisted in getting a five (5) year license instead.

However, Mr. Watanabe is targeting to open the Casino before May of 2010. Project is steadily moving and the positive thoughts shared had marked the Rota Community with a very positive reaction. Mr. Watanabe is very happy to work together with the community of both Rota and the Mariana Islands. He understands that many of the people are concerned about the movement of the Casino Project in Rota.

Rota Treasure Island Corporation has high hopes that the Rota Casino business will beat other Casinos within and beyond the region. Mr. Watanabe concentrates on how to fascinate the general tourist trends not only from the Asian Markets, but also through out the world. He is confident that Rota will become one of the most attractive tourist and Casino destinations in the near future of the Japanese and Asian market.

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Haiti on the brink

The world has responded with tremendous generosity to the destruction in Haiti after last week's earthquake, but the breakdown of security and order there threatens to multiply the already terrible death toll if the food, water and medicine pouring into the country can't be distributed properly. Relief officials now estimate that the death toll could rise as high as 200,000, with hundreds of thousands more left seriously injured or homeless.

With people desperate for food, water and shelter, looting has broken out in the country's shattered capital, Port-au-Prince, and thousands of residents are trying to flee the destruction for outlying areas, some of which are in even worse shape. Reports from smaller towns such as Titanyen and Leogane suggest thousands of bodies have been dumped in mass graves over the past few days without any effort to identify them or perform last rites and that no aid of any sort has managed to reach many communities because of impassable roads and poor communications. Officials are now warning that conditions are so dire, the country could sink into anarchy or even civil war unless immediate steps are taken to stabilize the situation.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon plans to send 3,500 more peacekeeping troops to Haiti, and the first waves of a planned force of 5,000 American soldiers and Marines have already arrived on the island nation and taken over key tasks, such as the running of the airport. Haiti's own police and military forces disintegrated in the quake's aftermath, so foreign troops are the only forces capable of maintaining a semblance of order there. But even with the arrival of the Marines and an expanded contingent of U.N. peacekeepers, the international boots on the ground are going to be stretched painfully thin.

To put things in context, Baltimore has about one police officer for every 200 residents, and that's for a city that, for all its problems, is completely functional. To have the equivalent law enforcement presence in Haiti, you'd need nearly 50,000 troops.

Given the history of American occupation and meddling in Haiti's affairs, the presence of American troops is a tricky business, but the U.S. needs to take charge both in the effort to restore order and in the effort to rebuild. Policing operations need to focus on stopping looters and preventing a resurgence of the criminal gangs that have terrorized the population in the past, but foreign security forces should avoid becoming entangled in disputes between property owners and the squatters who have erected tent cities on any available piece of land. In a city where half the quake's survivors have been rendered homeless, every effort must be taken not to alienate the millions of people who have suddenly become refugees in their own country.

Meanwhile, reconstruction efforts should begin with rebuilding Haiti's shattered infrastructure: hospitals, schools and government buildings and basic services such as water, electricity and telecommunications. This is a commitment that will take years, if not decades, to fulfill, but in undertaking it the U.S. is making a statement to the world of our dedication to humanitarian principles that, because of our size, resources, experience and proximity, we have a unique ability and responsibility to uphold.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton needs to continue to focus on working closely with the Haitian government to ensure that our efforts there are effective and remain welcome. For all the resentment American might has bred throughout the world, and in Haiti in particular, now is an opportunity to show how our power can be used for good.

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By focusing on planes, terrorists take a calculated risk

By ANDREW H. KYDD and BARBARA F. WALTER
Los Angeles Times

On Christmas Day, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly attempted to blow up a Northwest Airlines flight from Amsterdam to Detroit with plastic explosives hidden in his underwear. On Dec. 22, 2001, Richard Reid tried to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives hidden in his shoes. Incompetent and poorly supported, they were quickly foiled by passengers and flight crew. But the fact that Abdulmutallab would try a variation of Reid's attack eight years later raises some interesting questions about terrorist tactics.

One question in particular is, why airplanes? Anyone who has traveled on a train, subway, bus or ferry in the United States knows that anyone can board without much fear of being detained or searched.

Meanwhile, other terrorists have developed a brutally simple tactic, just opening fire with automatic weapons in crowded areas. The 10 terrorists in the 2008 Mumbai attacks claimed more than 170 victims, and Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is charged with killing 13 people at Fort Hood, Texas, in November.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, security surrounding U.S. airplanes has become tighter and tighter, yet terrorists still target planes, even if this means that their attacks are more likely to be thwarted. Why do terrorists continue to target airplanes when other transportation systems are less heavily secured and other modes of attack have proved successful?

Targeting civilian aircraft still makes sense, from the terrorists' point of view, for at least five reasons.

First, nature is working with them. People don't naturally fly 30,000 feet above the ground at 300 mph; it takes a very special machine. These machines are much more vulnerable than trains or ships. One person can easily carry enough explosives to blow a hole in the side of a pressurized aircraft, which may be enough to bring it down and kill everyone aboard. The same explosive on a train or ship would likely only cause minor damage.

Second, the costs of reduced air travel, or slower air travel, are borne by business travelers and those with money _ exactly those people who are most likely to influence policy-makers and government decisions. Terrorists aren't attacking for the fun of it; they want to have an impact on government policy, and the way to do that is to target those who have clout.

Third, it is difficult for these travelers to switch to another mode of transportation, given the distances involved. Much as the folks at Cunard might wish otherwise, almost no amount of terrorism is going to persuade most people to take a passenger ship across the Atlantic for seven days rather than fly in seven hours. This means that demand for air travel is inelastic; travelers have little option but to bear the costs of increasing security, lost time and risks.

Fourth, people are already afraid of flying. Despite statistics showing that flying is safer than driving, people are still more afraid of hurtling through the air in a large aluminum tube than sliding behind the wheel for a trip to the grocery store. It's easy to play on these fears, even with incompetent attacks that fail.

Finally, our political system is structured to overreact to attacks on aircraft and to underreact to other kinds of attacks, particularly shooting sprees. In reaction to the "shoe bomber," we now all take off our shoes at security checkpoints. Because of the "underwear bomber," we now may be subject to thorough body scans before boarding a flight. The 2006 plot to blow up seven trans-Atlantic flights out of London cursed us with the inability to bring a bottle of water on board.

Security agencies feel duty-bound to do something, and politicians wring their hands about whether they are doing enough. In comparison, there appears to be no limit to the number of fatalities that can be inflicted by automatic weapons fire in the United States without generating a political reaction. Politicians limit themselves to expressions of sorrow for the victims and the families, and then the matter is quietly dropped.

One might think this provides an opportunity for Al Qaeda to easily kill large numbers of Americans, but that misses the point of terrorism. Killing large numbers in a way that is quickly forgotten is much less useful than killing a few or even none in a way that causes profound ripples of fear and costly overreactions on the part of the target group. Al-Qaeda has no need to organize gun rampages against Americans if the occasional low-budget aircraft attack does the trick.

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Rebuke of Washington's culture of arrogance

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The recent political rebuke of democrats in Massachusetts presents a perfect glimpse how angry Americans in small towns across the country have successfully begun shredding Washington's culture of leviathan corruption, arrogance, and negligence. I suppose the well-polished oak desks and walnut shelves can change one's vision of representation slowly morphed and gift-wrapped into disconnectivity.

Interesting how some incumbent senators and congressmen from both sides of the political spectrum have decided against seeking re-election. Those who brave the anger of small towns folks have started picking up tea leafs in\ their neighborhood parks. They have found very discouraging, deafening disgust and mistrust inscribed behind each leaf from constituents they have decided to ignore while hibernating comfortably in their cocoon of arrogance.

Embarrassed, they now brave blind courage in their re-election bids hoping they don't suffer from the "candle in the wind" syndrome.But this is exactly what people in small town America will render this midterm election. The obvious disconnection between Washington's cultures of corruption, arrogance and negligence are taking their toll against career politicians. Imprimatur of representation originates from the sacred document about our government born "of the people, by the people and for the people...." This culture of arrogance sits on grains of sand as its foundation. It isn't imbedded on hard rocks. Therefore, true representation would eventually return to "We The People..." so intended and penned by the founding fathers.

Said Jonathan Slevin, president and publisher of the Washington Times: "Most Washington leaders have forgotten that the greatness of America is in the hearts and minds of her people. The successful government is one that fosters an environment in which the people can pursue their own vision of happiness.

"Mostly, that means staying out of the way". He pointed out that the "perquisites and trappings of personal power too often exercised behind closed doors, allow leaders to forget and begin to think that America is something they need to fix, not an ideal they need to defend.

Imagine the obvious stampeding of the voices of simple folks in towns across mainstream America. Imagine how those situated without feel whenever half-baked policies are approved for implementation out here even at the exclusion of our sentiments. Well, I have every intention to network with the leadership of Tea Leaf Parties. We have to join given the dire need to

ride on their success to bring Washington back to the people. In brief, Washington's culture of arrogance makes a mockery of the sacred document's declaration of "We The People...."

Noted Slevin: "Most of us appreciate that there is a proper role for government. But we all also understand that the government has gone far beyond those boundaries.

"And as the government expands into more areas of our lives, it doesn't just take away our freedoms. It strips us of even more of our earnings to fund its growing interference in our lives. "Too few in Washington have been listening. And when they don't, Americans have a right to be angry. When the total tax-take from American families is equal to the first four or five months of labor every year, it is unreasonable for the government to demand more and more while telling us it is for our own good.

"And you are telling us all of this—day after day with intelligence—and with emotion.

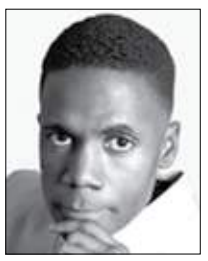
"We agree that the current leadership—with eyes focused more on special-interest allies than public service—is propelling our nation far from the American dream of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We see the glimmerings of an American nightmare. That vision is now so obvious that even in the states where government is most popular, the plans of this administration are fueling a historic backlash.

"There is a role for government. Managing our lives from cradle to grave isn't what the Founders stood for. Nor is that what Americans today have in mind."

Here at home, the issue of federalization has forced spineless politicians sporting the herd mentality to don the role of fat ostriches. And a lot of them have become obese as to turn into golden imbeciles. Their view of standing up for justice is placed in servile rhetoric that clearly demonstrates their willingness to subject our people to whimsical submission by those who don't even have any rudimentary inkling of the evolution of a democratic form of government. No Mas! Let's see real leadership stand for our indigenous rights!

The lawsuit is a clear expression of our anger that prompted our contesting the abrasive attitude of Washington whose role in approving legislation is limited under the Covenant Agreement. This expression is inherent in our individual and collective rights as U.S. Citizens. It's as good as American Apple Pie. Watch for an escalated rebuke of liberal democrats this midterm election across the country. God bless America in our collective struggle to return to the very principles it was founded upon some 233 years ago.

Creating economic success for the CNMI



THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

The Fire and the Hammer (Imagine how it feels)

Imagine how it feels
to have the place you call your home
abuse you, then discard you
cast you out for you to roam

Imagine how it feels
when those you wished could be your friends
tease you and then taunt you
in a storm that never ends

Imagine how it feels
when even those there at your birth
abandon and attack you
causing you to doubt your worth

Imagine how it feels
forever on the other side
where safety's not an option
with no place to run or hide

Imagine how it feels
to know no matter how you try,
the world is set against you
and you've no idea quite why

(To live a life rejected
filled with ridicule and scorn,
It sometimes made me really wish
at times I'd not been born)

BUT....what if....?

They say the cross you get
is never more than you can bear
And though it may not seem so,
there's a reason that we're here

Perhaps there's been a purpose
to this pain and broken heart—
like fire and the hammer
that produces works of art

Yes, maybe, it's a gift of sorts
to make me who I am
a test to make the grade
um, sort of like my life's exam

The fact that I'm still here, then,
that must mean I've passed the test!
a testament to greatness
and of traits I must possess

Perhaps, then, I'm like Sampson!
Though I've thought that I was weak
Perhaps I'm really gorgeous
though such words I'd never speak

Perhaps I'm truly loved
although such truths I've rarely seen
Perhaps I'm truly gifted
though to me that sounds obscene

Perhaps my life's true purpose
was to help me understand
the pain that others feel
now that I'm here to lend a hand

For now that I'm a teacher
it's a gift that I can share
To students who are suffering
who don't know someone cares

Yes, what if I discover
that this gift has strength to heal!
To spare one child my own life's pain?

Imagine how THAT feels!

Inspired by, and dedicated to Alexandra In Young Lee

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Before the artist's clay vase can fulfill its function, it must withstand the fire of the oven. Before the sculptor's stone can rise to its position as a work of art, it must be pounded and shaped by the force of the hammer.

Last week's MLK Day Commemoration featured a forum by women who shared their stories of triumph over domestic violence. I was particularly moved by the story of In Young "Alexandra" Lee, a young lady, who like the vase and sculpture, was subjected to unimaginable fire and force growing up here on Saipan. Her Korean family, ostracized as unwelcome outsiders, disrespected in public, and ignored by authorities, lived a stressful adjustment. Alexandra herself, bullied and beaten by the other children, abandoned and abused by her parents, lived in fear without a haven to escape.

Alex, today's life rhyme was inspired by your moving account of what life was like growing up as an outsider, but also offers my own interpretation of the hidden treasure it contains. You may not have noticed it, but other people, too, at the event were visibly moved by your telling of your story. That shows the tremendous power it—and you—have to help and heal. However, for your own triumph, it is necessary to find the reason, the meaning and the purpose for the experiences you endured, and embrace them all as being part of your own "becoming," part of your own transformation and evolution into a beautiful work of art like the sculpture, with a particular function like the vase.

According to composer, teacher, historian and civil rights activist, Bernice Reagon, "Life's challenges aren't supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are."

I hope today's thoughts can help you do just that.

And, for the rest of us, I hope they can inspire us to have more compassion and tolerance for the differences in others, while we seek the transformative power in our own circumstances.

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com <http://www.bestofsaipan.com>!

Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Chicken Feathers and Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan* are encouraged to place orders at www.saipanfactorygirl.com. A new shipment is coming soon, and people are already claiming their copies even before it arrives! Don't miss out!

Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!--Walt

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Sunny	▲82	▼74
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼76
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼81
Pohnpei	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼76
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲84	▼79

Around The Globe

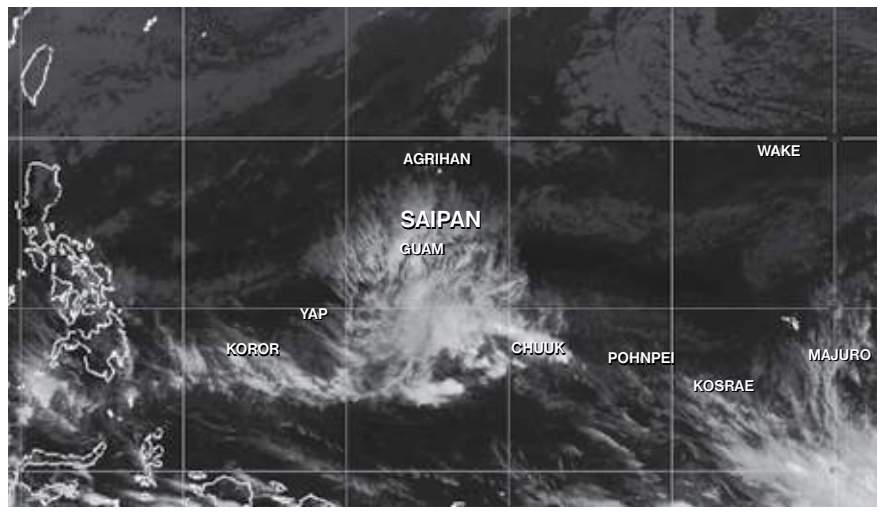
Auckland	Showers	▲73	▼63
Beijing	Sunny	▲34	▼21
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼57
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲68	▼63
London	Showers	▲41	▼34
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲62	▼48
Manila	Partly Sunny	▲87	▼74
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲77	▼58
Miami	Sunny	▲73	▼61
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲42	▼33
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲49	▼42
Paris	Sunny	▲35	▼32
Pusan	Showers	▲54	▼31
Rome	Showers	▲52	▼39
Salem	Cloudy	▲49	▼33
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲56	▼45
Seoul	Showers	▲39	▼28
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲51	▼39
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲43	▼32

Tides

Saipan Harbor

6:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
4:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N137E to beyond 130E at 22N. Clouds and patchy rain are occurring along and up to 200 miles northwest of the cold front. Another cold front undulates west-southwestward from 19N180 to south of Wake Island at 15N167E then continues as a shear line to between Guam and Saipan at 15N145E to beyond 130E at 11N. Cloudiness and scattered light showers are present along and up to 100 miles north of the shear line and up to 200 miles north of the cold front. A near-equatorial trough extends east-northeastward from EQ130E to a circulation centered well south of Guam near 6N145E then turns east-southeastward to beyond the date line at 1N. Trade-winds converging north of the trough axis are generating scattered showers over and south of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 6N130E to 5N140E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the circulation are taking place over Chuuk between 4N and 10N from 142E to 152E. Winds converging near the eastern end of the trough are triggering scattered showers over Kosrae within 50 miles of a line from 6N162E to 4N166E and also over Tarawa south of a line from 2N164E to 4N172E to 2N180. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers east of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 6N178E to 9N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:47 AM	6:13 PM
Thursday	6:47 AM	6:13 PM
Friday	6:47 AM	6:14 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:14 PM
Sunday	6:46 AM	6:15 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:58 PM	3:28 AM
Thursday	4:03 PM	4:30 AM
Friday	5:10 PM	5:29 AM
Saturday	6:16 PM	6:25 AM
Sunday	7:20 PM	7:16 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 23, 2010

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW287	6:00am	7:30pm	Daily via NRT
NW638	8:00am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily
NW289	5:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via Osaka
		Arrive OSA 6:40am, leave OSA 9:30am	
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	1:30am+1	1, 4, 5, 7 via PUS
C09603/893	3:15pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-PALAU
OZ606/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7 via ICN
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:10am	3:45am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:00am	2:30am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:00am	2:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09598	2:00am	3:45am	5, 6 via ROP
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW288	12:05pm	1:35am+1	Daily via NRT effective Jan 25
NW277	8:30pm	1:00am+1	3, 6
NW639	9:00pm	1:35am+1	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW298	10:05am	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	9:00pm	1:35am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:10am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via Osaka
		Arrive OSA 8:50pm, leave OSA 9:50pm	
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ716/605	12:30am	2:20pm	4, 6 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:10am+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via PUS
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via PALAU-GUM
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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NMC Adult Basic Education program implements mentoring program

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New and returning students attend the Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education (ABE) Spring 2009 student orientation.

In an effort to provide its students with enhanced peer support, Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education program has implemented a new mentoring program designed to aid participants in meeting their educational objectives.

The Mentor-Mentee Program, organized in collaboration with NMC's Career Center's Service Learning Program, began offering the program to its students this week.

ABE recommended the need for a Mentor-Mentee program as a result of its program review process, which made the recommendation in a report compiled by the Office of Institutional Effective (OIE) and is used by the Planning, Program Review, and Outcome Assessment Committee (PROAC) to help the program continuous improve its services.

There are five talented mentors assisting ABE with the new program: Janel Pangelinan, Erlynn Romolor, Ian Carr, Lilia Lizama, George Ngirarois, and Molly Aichi. The mentors are either current ABE students under the Adult School and General Educational Development (GED) programs and graduates of ABE currently in pursuit of higher education at NMC.

The Mentor-Mentee Program aims to offer a solid peer support program. Under the program, ABE offers assistance on goal setting, planning, lessons on maximizing resources, and helpful tips for student success before transitioning to college life at NMC.

"The Mentor-Mentee program will help eligible students identify ways to succeed in their respective programs be it GED or adult high school and college life. The mentors who make this program possible are role models for ABE students who avail of such program," said NMC Interim President Lorraine Cabrera. "We are very thankful to the mentors for giving the Mentor-Mentee program efforts much consideration so that others can benefit from their experiences and knowledge."

The NMC Adult Basic Education program, which includes GED, Adult School and English as a Second Language (ESL) will be conducting registration for new students on January 27th and 28th. ABE also encourages applicants to register with its partnering agency, the Workforce Investment Agency (WIA), for needed assistance on school supplies and testing fees.

For more information, interested applicants may contact the NMC ABE office at 234-3690 ext. 1723/24/21. ***(PR)***

ABE *Spring 2010 registration and student orientation*

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education Program, which handles the General Education Development (GED), the Adult High School, and the English as a Second Language programs, will be ongoing this week until Friday, January 29, 2010.

ABE Student Orientation will also be hosted on Monday, February 1, 2010, from 5pm to 6:30pm in Room D-1, which is across from the NMC Bookstore.

For more information, please contact the Adult Basic Education office at 234-5498 ext. 1723; visit their office at Building G at the College's As Terlaje campus, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. ***(PR)***

WALK FOR CERCIVAL CANCER

Far left, Marianas Walking Association officials and members pose for a photo after taking part in the Department of Public Health's weekly walking event in line with the observance of the Cervical Cancer Awareness Month this January last Wednesday, Jan. 20.

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Left, four MWA members help hold the banner while participating in the walk.

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Marianas Walking Association president Yoichi Matsumura, right, holds the organization's banner.

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A total of 15 MWA members took part in the weekly walking event, which is held all Wednesdays of January.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday Babe! Joseph T. Santos Jr. Hope you enjoy your special day! Loving you always, from your girls Lathania and Loutricia.

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Happy 4th birthday to Fayme Atoigue. Greetings from Mommy, Daddy, and Sinahi.

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Public Notice

Hereby give notice that the Commonwealth Cancer Association (CCA) will hold their General Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Commonwealth Health Center, Secretary's Conference Room 3, Saipan

I. Welcoming Remarks
- Alexander A. Sablan, CCA President

II. Reports
- Alexander A. Sablan, CCA President
- Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez, Secretary of Health
- CCA Medical Adviser
- Joanne Ogo, CCA Program Coordinator
- Maggie Camacho, CCA Treasurer
- Janine Nogis, Marianas March Against Cancer (MMAC) Chairperson

III. Election Process
- Alexander A. Sablan, CCA President
- Dr. Jack Hardy

IV. Tabulation and Certification of Election
- Nancy Gottfried, esq.

V. Comments from members

VI. Adjournment

/s/ Alexander A. Sablan
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HONG KONG 20,269.14 Down 329.41 (-1.60%)	JAKARTA 2,579,999 Down 17.861 (-0.69%)
TOKYO 10,355.22 Down 157.47 (-1.50%)	K. LUMPUR 1,288.26 Down 8.53 (-0.66%)
MANILA 2,955.70 Down 12.26 (-0.41%)	SINGAPORE 2,765.14 Down 46.57 (-1.66%)
SEOUL 1,636.01 Down 34.19 (-2.05%)	BANGKOK 706.51 Down -3.88 (-0.55%)

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	10,196.86 23.88
NASDAQ	2,210.80 5.51
S&P	1,096.78 5.02

MONEY MARKET

Australian Dollar	1.1144
British Pound	0.6173
Canadian Dollar	1.0606
Chinese Renminbi	6.8269
Euro	0.7102
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7699
Indian Rupee	46.1400
Indonesian Rupiah	9,405.0000
Japanese Yen	89.7600
Malaysian Ringgit	3.4225
New Zealand Dollar	1.4108
Philippine Peso	46.5050
Singapore Dollar	1.4044
South Korean Won	1,163.2500
Swiss Franc	1.0447
Taiwan Dollar	32.0150
Thailand Baht	33.0250

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

AP sources: Obama to seek freeze on part of budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing voter anger over mounting budget deficits, President Barack Obama will ask Congress to freeze spending for some domestic programs for three years beginning in 2011, administration officials said Monday. Separately, Obama unveiled plans to help a middle class "under assault" pay its bills, save for retirement and care for kids and aging parents.

The spending freeze would apply to a relatively small portion of the federal budget, affecting a $477 billion pot of money available for domestic agencies whose budgets are approved by Congress each year. Some of those agencies could get increases, others would have to face cuts; such programs got an almost 10 percent increase this year. The federal budget total was $3.5 trillion.

Obama

The three-year plan will be part of the budget Obama will submit Feb. 1, senior administration officials said, commenting on condition of anonymity to reveal private details. They said Obama was expected to propose the freeze Wednesday night in his State of the Union address.

The Pentagon, veterans programs, foreign aid and the Homeland Security Department would be exempt from the freeze.

The savings would be small at first, perhaps $10 billion to $15 billion, one official said. But over the coming decade, savings would add up to $250 billion.

The White House is under considerable pressure to cut deficits—the red ink hit a record $1.4 trillion this year—or at least keep them from growing. Encouraged by last week's Massachusetts Senate victory, Republicans are hitting hard on the issue, and polls show voters increasingly concerned.

Obama's separate public comments previewed other topics in the State of the Union address.

The proposals he described won't create jobs, but he said they could "re-establish some of the security that's slipped away." His remarks aimed to lift the nation's dour mood and show he is in touch with the daily struggles of millions of people as resentment runs high about lost jobs and the economy.

The initiatives amount to a package of tax credits, spending expansions and new mandates on employers to encourage retirement savings by workers. Most of them will be included in Obama's budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, and they will require approval from Congress. Obama will release that budget Feb. 1.

Apple rockets to most profitable quarter ever

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple Inc. rocketed to its most profitable quarter ever over the holidays, as huge sales of the iPhone and Macintosh computers led to a nearly 50 percent jump in net income.

The company offered no clues about what it plans to unveil Wednesday in San Francisco, although analysts expect the new product to be a tablet-style computer. CEO Steve Jobs indicated that investors should expect a significant event.

"The new products we are planning to release this year are very strong, starting this week with a major new product that we're really excited about," Jobs said in a statement.

Apple also offered a profit and revenue forecast above Wall Street forecasts.

The iPhone's rollout in several major new markets, including China and South Korea, helped Apple double sales of the hot phone.

Apple's numbers also got a boost from an accounting change. Apple started putting iPhone revenue and profit on its books when the gadget is sold, rather than deferring those results over the presumed life of the device.

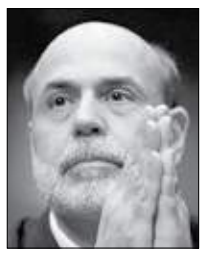
Apple said Monday it earned $3.4 billion, or $3.67 per share, in the latest quarter, which ended Dec. 26. In the same period of 2008, had the same accounting standards been in place, it would have had net income of $2.3 billion, or $2.50 per share.

AP
In this Nov. 27, 2009 file photo, a model of the Apple iPhone 3G is displayed at an Apple store in Seoul, South Korea.

Revenue was $15.7 billion, a 32 percent jump from $11.9 billion in the same period last year. Apple's chief financial officer, Peter Oppenheimer, said on a conference call that half of the company's revenue growth could be attributed to the accounting change, but Apple was silent on the change's effects on net income.

Obama joins White House effort to boost Bernanke

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bolstered by a White House lobbying effort that included the president, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's chances at a second four-year term improved Monday, calming a stock market that had grown anxious over the uncertainty of his support.


Bernake

President Barack Obama championed Bernanke in an interview on Monday as his aides worked the phones to ensure the Fed chairman is confirmed by the Senate.

"He has my strongest support. I think he's done a good job," Obama told ABC News.

"What we need is somebody at the Federal Reserve who can make sure that the progress that we've made in stabilizing the economy continues. I think Bernanke is the best person for that job," the president said.

With Bernanke's term expiring Sunday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., expects a confirmation vote by the end of the week, his spokesman said. David Axelrod, a top White House adviser, said Bernanke has the votes to keep his job.

Bernanke's brightening prospects provided the White House with a rare bit of good news amid political upheaval caused by simmering public anger over the economy, joblessness and bank bailouts.

China denies involvement in Google hackings

BEIJING (AP)—China sharply rebuked the United States on Monday, denying involvement in any Internet attacks and defending its online restrictions as lawful after Washington urged Beijing to investigate an attack against Google.

The search engine giant announced on Jan. 12 that it would pull out of China unless the government relaxes its rules on censorship. The ultimatum came after Google said e-mail accounts of human rights activists critical of China had been hacked.

Since then, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has criticized the censorship of cyberspace, drawing a strong counterattack from Beijing. The Foreign Ministry on Friday said her remarks damaged bilateral relations, while a Chinese state newspaper said Washington was imposing "information imperialism" on China.

On Monday, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology went on the offensive again, saying the country's anti-hacking policy is transparent and consistent.

"Any accusation that the Chinese government participated in cyberattacks, either in an explicit or indirect way, is groundless and aims to discredit China," an unidentified ministry spokesman said, according to a transcript of an interview with the official Xinhua News Agency posted on the ministry's Web site.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fiat CEO: Chrysler-Fiat integration moving forward

MILAN (AP)—Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne said Monday that a new Chrysler plant that will build Fiat engines in southeastern Michigan represents "a huge step forward" for the integration of Chrysler into Fiat. Marchionne told an investors conference call that the investment would bring Fiat's 1.4 liter, four-cylinder engine technology into the United States, and that would mean that Fiat can bring those engines into Brazil without duties. Fiat has a large auto business in Brazil. Marchionne is steering the turnaround of Chrysler, becoming CEO of the U.S. automaker after Fiat took a controlling share in Chrysler in June.

Shiseido starts offer to buy Bare Escentuals

Japanese cosmetics maker Shiseido Co. said Monday it has started a tender offer to buy all outstanding shares of Bare Escentuals in its effort to acquire the company for $1.7 billion. Bare Escentuals Inc., based in San Francisco, makes bareMinerals foundation and products under the RareMinerals, Buxom and md brands. Shiseido's tender offer is for $18.20 per share in cash. The Japanese makeup and skin care products company, whose shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, announced the deal on Jan. 15. The acquisition will be Shiseido's biggest purchase since its founding in 1872 as Japan's first Western-style pharmacy. It aims to use the acquisition to strengthen its U.S. presence and expand its products to mineral-based cosmetics. ***(AP)***

Ex Calif hospital execs to pay $10M to settle suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The former owners of a Los Angeles hospital have agreed to pay $10 million to settle a lawsuit over paying recruiters to bring in homeless people for unnecessary medical treatment. The U.S. attorney's office said Monday that federal and state prosecutors settled their case against Robert Bourseau and Dr. Rudra Sabaratnam, former owners of the City of Angels Medical Center. Prosecutors allege the two defrauded Medicare and Medi-Cal out of millions of dollars. Both men have pleaded guilty to criminal charges for paying kickbacks to recruiters and agreed to pay $4.1 million in restitution. Dante Nicholson, the hospital's former senior vice president, also pleaded guilty and faces up to 10 years in prison.

Nation

Homes evacuated in San Antonio as hill crumbles

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Construction crews moved dirt to shore up a group of houses precariously perched on a crumbling hill in San Antonio on Monday as engineers tried to determine why the land below was shifting, causing dozens of homes to evacuate.

Gaping crevices, some 15 feet deep, cut across several yards as dirt cascaded into a towering stone retaining wall that nearly split in half. Fences crumpled like accordions as crews packed dirt under one home and around its exterior after part of its foundation was exposed.

One soil expert said the cause of the landslide appeared to be the result of poor retaining wall design, and a city official said the nearly 1,000-foot-long wall in the upper-middle class neighborhood of sprawling two-story homes was built without a permit.

No one has been injured, but about 80 homes were evacuated on Sunday after a resident in the northwest side subdivision reported that his backyard was sliding down hill. By Monday afternoon, residents in about 55 of those homes were allowed to return after inspections and soil monitoring found them to be safe, said Valerie Dolenga, a spokeswoman for Pulte Homes Inc., the parent company of the neighborhood's builder, Centex Homes.

One neighbor who was among the first homebuyers in the subdivision set among rolling hills on the outskirts of San Antonio said he was initially told no homes would be built on the crumbling ridge because it was too steep.

AP

Crevices, some 15 feet deep are seen across three homes at The Hills of Rivermist subdivision,in San Antonio Monday, Jan. 25, 2010.

Romeo Peart, 32, said one retaining wall failed several years ago before the current one was built and homes were constructed above it.

"They can keep the view now," Peart said, shaking his head as heavy equipment stuffed dirt beneath an exposed foundation. "And they paid an extra $10,000 for those lots."

The development, which was started in 2004, has nearly 750 homes with others under construction. The neighborhood, with houses selling for $250,000, is one dozens that have sprung up on hilly former ranch land as San Antonio grew to be the nation's seventh largest city.

Fort Hood suspect's lawyer seeks mental exam delay

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—An attorney for the Army psychiatrist accused of going on a shooting rampage at Fort Hood said Monday he wants his client's mental evaluation delayed citing a potential conflict of interest with the exam panel.

Hasan

Army officials previously appointed a three-member board of military mental health professionals to determine whether Maj. Nidal Hasan is competent to stand trial and his mental status the day of the November shooting, which left 13 dead and dozens wounded on the Texas Army post.

The board is to start reviewing documents next week and begin evaluating the Army psychiatrist as early as Feb. 8, said Hasan's attorney John Galligan. After the board interviews and does psychological testing on Hasan, the findings will go to Army prosecutors by the end of February.

But Galligan said one panel member taught at the medical school Hasan attended, although Galligan was unsure if that doctor directly taught or knew Hasan. Galligan declined to release any board members' identities.

In his motion to Army officials last week, Galligan said he also requested an all-civilian board, saying doctors with no military ties likely would be more objective and not worried about repercussions if their diagnosis was considered favorable to Hasan.

Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Robert Gates released an internal Pentagon review that found several unidentified medical officers failed to use "appropriate judgment and standards of officership" when reviewing Hasan's performance as a student, internist and psychiatric resident.

"Why would this same system evaluate one of its own in a case of this magnitude?" Galligan said Monday from his office near Fort Hood, about 150 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Neighbor: Stacy Peterson said 'I'm already dead'

JOLIET, Ill. (AP)—The fourth wife of former Illinois police officer Drew Peterson was sure her husband would kill her, even telling a neighbor days before her disappearance in 2007 that "I'm already dead," according to testimony at a hearing on Monday.

The neighbor sobbed uncontrollably at times as she spoke during the hearing meant to determine what, if any, "hearsay" evidence prosecutors can use during Peterson's upcoming trial on charges he murdered his third wife, Kathleen Savio, in 2004.

Sharon Bychowski told the court that she found Stacy Peterson, then 23, crying outside her suburban Chicago home. She explained how she had packed 10 boxes of Drew Peterson's clothes and asked her husband, 30 years her senior, to leave. But he'd refused.

"She said, 'If I disappear, Sharon, it's not an accident. He killed me,'" a visibly shaken Bychowski testified.

AP

In this May 8, 2009 file photo, former Bolingbrook, Ill. police Sgt. Drew Peterson arrives at the Will County Courthouse in Joliet, Ill., for his arraignment on charges of first-degree murder in the 2004 death of his former wife Kathleen Savio.

As Stacy Peterson described how she feared for her life, Bychowski advised her to put what she was saying in writing.

"It doesn't matter," Bychowski said Peterson told her. "I'm already dead. He's going to kill me."

Winter storm in Midwest brings fierce winds

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—A winter storm that moved across several Midwestern states Monday brought fierce winds and light snow that was easily blown around, leaving travelers stranded and closing some schools and businesses.

The weather was so bad in northeastern North Dakota that Grafton construction company owner Jack Burns decided not to even leave his house.

"It wasn't worth it," he said. "We definitely can work outside in the cold, but you can't work outside in the wind. We pretty much have to wait until this blows over."

Heavy snowfall was not expected, but strong winds were blowing around what was falling - or had already fallen in the last several days - in the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, creating whiteout conditions in some places. Ice buildup on power lines also was a problem in some areas.

Crews in the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa were continuing efforts to restore electricity to about 13,000 people, mostly in rural areas.

Conditions were so bad in North Dakota, that officials advised people not to travel at all. Portions of Interstate 94 were closed in the southern part of the state because of zero visibility and a multi-vehicle crash. Interstate 29 was closed between Grand Forks and the Canadian border and from Watertown, S.D., to the North Dakota border.

Iowa officials closed a nearly 80-mile stretch of Interstate 35 from Ames to Clear Lake after a pileup that the state Department of Public Safety said involved as many as 40 vehicles. There was no immediate word on injuries.

ACROSS THE NATION

Priest accused of shoplifting butter, sofa cover

WEST CITY, Ill. (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest was accused of shoplifting butter and a sofa cover at a Wal-Mart in southern Illinois. Police arrested 41-year-old the Rev. Steven Poole on Friday. He's charged with two felony theft counts. Investigators said Poole failed to scan a $3.22 container of butter and a $60 sofa cover at a self-checkout. Poole then allegedly went to the store's bedding section, picked up a memory foam mattress and switched the pricing bar code. That caused the $145 item to be scanned for $31. Allegedly, Poole also possessed a stolen laptop computer power pack. He's the priest for St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Christopher and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sesser.

Firing of Wyo. officers who Tasered driver upheld

GLENROCK, Wyo. (AP)—Officials in a small Wyoming town have upheld the firing of two police officers who chased and Tasered a 76-year-old man driving a tractor in a parade. The Glenrock Town Council voted Monday night to uphold last year's terminations of Officer Michael Kavenius and Sgt. Paul Brown. Investigators say Kavenius shocked Bud Grose five times with a Taser during Glenrock's annual Deer Creek Days Parade in August. Police say Grose was driving an antique tractor in the parade and disobeyed Kavenius' traffic command. Brown pulled a police vehicle in front of Grose's tractor, and the tractor bumped it.

2 NY men charged in house fire tied to killings

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP)—Two 33-year-old men have been charged in connection with a Long Island house fire in which three people were found shot to death. Thomas Singletary, of Central Islip (EYE'-slip), pleaded not guilty to arson on Monday and was ordered held on $1 million cash bail. A call to his attorney, Douglas O'Connor, was not answered. A Suffolk County prosecutor's spokesman says Hasan Vaughan, also of Central Islip, faces arraignment Feb. 4 on criminal charges in a sealed indictment. No information was immediately available on his attorney. The bodies of 31-year-old Mykier Daniels, her 28-year-old sister, Katrice Daniels, and 19-year-old Louis Calixto Jr. were found Aug. 11 in the Central Islip house fire. Investigators say the fire was set to cover the killings.

Asia

Japan PM says he'll reassess US MARINE BASE PACT

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's prime minister pledged Monday to "start from scratch" in re-examining a key military deal with Washington on relocating American troops, risking the ire of its key ally after a local election in Okinawa showed that residents oppose any new Marine base in their region.

Hatoyama

The U.S. reacted cautiously Monday, issuing a statement that it was "consulting closely" with Tokyo on the issue.

After the small Okinawan city of Nago elected a mayor opposed to moving the facility there, Japan will be hard pressed to honor its 2006 agreement to relocate a U.S. military base on the southern island. Sunday's vote is reverberating to Tokyo and beyond, widening an already growing rift with Washington.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama appears to be caught in a no-win situation of either antagonizing local citizens or Japan's main alliance partner. With upper house elections this summer, he can't run roughshod over voters' voices.

"He can't make a decision now that's going to make both the Americans and Okinawans happy," said Jeff Kingston, Temple University Director of Asian Studies in Tokyo.

"It does give Hatoyama a bit of cover: 'Hey, I have to listen to the voice of the people.' But I don't think that's going to cut much weight with Washington," Kingston added.

At issue is a 2006 plan to reorganize U.S. troops in Japan. A key sticking point in that agreement forged between Washington and Tokyo's previous conservative government involves moving Futenma Marine Corps air station in the crowded, southern part of the island to a coastal area near Nago—a move that many locals oppose.

Hatoyama, who swept into power in September, has frustrated Washington by refusing to commit to the move to Nago at a time of rising Asia security concerns from North Korea's nuclear program and China's growing military strength. One member of his Cabinet, the left-leaning Mizuho Fukushima, has flatly said she wants Futenma moved off Japanese territory altogether.

U.S. officials have insisted the agreement must be kept. Backing out could scrap the whole realignment plan, which would lighten the burden on Okinawa—where more than half the 47,000 U.S. troops in Japan are based—by sending 8,000 Marines to the U.S. territory of Guam.

Sri Lanka war victors vie in presidential poll

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lankans crowded polling stations Tuesday throughout Colombo in a hard-fought election to decide whether the incumbent president or his former army chief should lead the nation's recovery from a brutal civil war both men helped win.

However, enthusiasm for the poll in minority Tamil areas most affected by the fighting remained light, and early morning explosions in the northern city of Jaffna were expected to further suppress voting.

Though it has been just eight months since President Mahinda Rajapaksa and retired Gen. Sarath Fonseka led the country to victory in the quarter-century war against the Tamil Tiger rebels, many voters were focused on the stagnant economy.

"Life is difficult, the cost of living is high. We need a change of government to stop corruption," said Pathirannnehelage Priyalal, a 40-year-old businessman in the Colombo suburb of Gampaha who said he voted for Fonseka. "There has been no relief even after the war and if this government remains, even finding food will be difficult."

Bombs kill 2 in Afghanistan; rocket hits base

KABUL (AP)—Bomb strikes killed two NATO soldiers—a Briton and a Norwegian—while a rocket attack at the major international military base in southern Afghanistan wounded eight other international troops, officials said Monday. Bulgaria's defense minister was at the base but was not injured.

The violence came three days before a London conference on Afghanistan that is expected to focus on a government plan to reintegrate Taliban militants willing to lay down their arms.

The top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, said the Taliban could be part of a peace agreement if an influx of 37,000 foreign troops succeeds in bringing stability to the country.

ASIAN BRIEFS

UN warns Mongolia's severe weather threatens lives

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia (AP)—The United Nations warned Monday that extreme winter weather that has killed more than 1 million livestock in Mongolia is likely to harm the country's food supply and worsen poverty. Meanwhile, a blizzard and brutal temperatures in neighboring China's northwestern Xinjiang region has claimed 13 lives, state media reported Monday. The official Xinhua News Agency said 12 people had died in avalanches in northern Altay and Ili Kazak, while one person died of the cold, citing local authorities, The record cold has affected almost 1.42 million people in Xinjiang, and 161,000 have been evacuated from their homes. Shortages of grain and fuel have also been reported.

Philippine police seize 400 kilograms of dog meat

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police have seized 79 slaughtered dogs apparently being delivered to restaurants in the Philippines. Police Officer Renato Niturada says the 400 kilos (882 pounds) of dog meat in 10 sacks were confiscated Sunday from a van at a checkpoint in northern Pangasinan province. Niturada said Tuesday the van driver was charged with violating animal welfare law. He faces up to two years in jail or a fine of up to 5,000 pesos ($108). Killing dogs for meat is illegal. But dog meat is a delicacy in northern Philippines, where back-street restaurants serve it despite protests from animal rights advocates. Niturada says the dog carcasses were buried at a public cemetery.

Mumbai gunman demands trial by international court

MUMBAI, India (AP)—The alleged gunman in the 2008 bloody siege of Mumbai said Monday he should be tried by an international court because he does not expect justice in India. Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, 21, told a special court that police had falsely implicated him in the case. "I should be tried in an international court," he told Judge M.L. Tahiliyani. Ten gunmen rampaged through India's commercial capital Mumbai in a commando-style attack on two luxury hotels, a busy train station and a Jewish center in November 2008. The three-day siege left 166 people dead, and nine of the gunmen were killed.

World

Haitians search quake rubble for dead relatives

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—In what's left of one family's home, in what remains of one destroyed neighborhood, Jean-Rene Lochard has retrieved the bodies of his mother, brother, sister-in-law and nephew, and buried them beside the ruins, one by one and with a priest's blessing.

On Monday, he dug deeper, searching for his brother's 5-year-old son. Only when he finds the boy will he rest.

"I need the body to bury him," he said. "It's important to bury the bodies."

With 150,000 bodies already in mass graves, international teams, grieving families, sympathetic neighbors and sometimes even strangers were pulling at the rubble with tools or bare hands in countless corners of this devastated city. Thirteen days after the killer earthquake, they were desperate to recover some of the thousands of Port-au-Prince's lost dead—to close each tragic circle, to lay loved ones in the earth to rest in peace.

For the living—the homeless spread across empty lots, parks and plazas in the hundreds of thousands—there was little rest as aid agencies struggled to fill their needs for food and water, and to get them tents to shelter their families against the burning tropical sun.

In front of the wrecked National Palace, people's desperation boiled over. Uruguayan U.N. peacekeepers had to fire pepper spray into the air to try to disperse thousands jostling for food.

Witnesses: Plane tumbled out of sky off Lebanon

AP

A plastic doll lies amidst other debris collected from the sea by soldiers and other emergency personnel, following the Ethiopian Airlines plane crash, on Khalde beach south of Beirut, in Lebanon, Monday.

BEIRUT (AP)—The first sign of trouble was a flash of light on the horizon Monday—and then witnesses said the Boeing 737 tumbled like "fire falling down from the sky" into the stormy Mediterranean Sea.

All 90 aboard were feared dead in the pre-dawn crash. Lebanon's leaders ruled out terrorism while investigators collected witness accounts in hopes they could provide clues. Aviation experts cautioned it was too early to know what brought down the Ethiopian Airlines jet—particularly without the black boxes.

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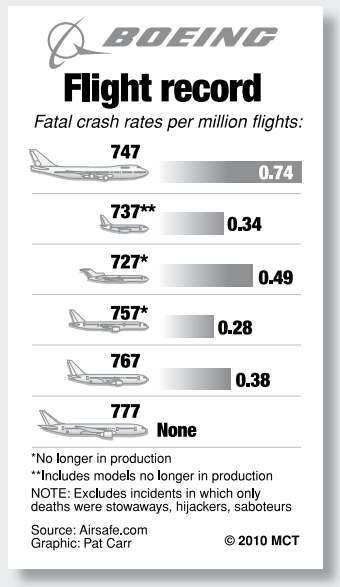
BEIRUT (AP)—Crews from several countries are helping in the search effort after the planecrash off the coast of Lebanon.

All 90 aboard were feared dead in Ethiopian Airlines crash, which happened around 2:30 a.m. Monday during a stormy night of lightning and thunderstorms.

Search teams and equipment were sent from the U.N. and countries including the United States and Cyprus. Workers are expected to continue looking for bodies Tuesday.



Flight 409 crashed in flames, just minutes after takeoff from Beirut. It had been headed to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

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Many people were giving DNA samples to help identify the remains of their loved ones; one man identified his 3-year-old nephew by the boy's overalls.

"Please find my son," pleaded Zeinab Seklawi, whose 24-year-old son Yasser was on Flight 409, which was headed to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

At the Government Hospital in Beirut, Red Cross workers brought in bodies covered with wool blankets as relatives gathered nearby. No survivors had been found by nightfall, and the health minister told reporters 21 bodies were recovered. Marla Pietton, wife of the French ambassador to Lebanon, was among those on board, according to the French Embassy.

Iraq's 'Chemical Ali' hanged for 1988 gas attack

BAGHDAD (AP)—Even in Saddam Hussein's ruthless regime, "Chemical Ali" stood apart, notable for his role in gassing 5,000 people in a Kurdish village—the deadliest chemical weapons attack ever against civilians.

Ali Hassan al-Majid was hanged Monday, leaving a notorious legacy that stamped Saddam's regime as capable of unimaginable cruelty and brought unsettling questions about Iraq's stockpiles of poison gas and whether it could unleash them again.

The poison gas clouds that struck the village of Halabja began what would become an about-face by Washington—which had supported Saddam during the eight-year war against Iran's new Islamic state in the 1980s, but soon became his arch-foe and protector of the Kurds in their northern enclave.

"I want to kiss the hangman's rope," said Kamil Mahmoud, a 40-year-old teacher who lost eight family members in the March 16, 1988, attack in Iraq's Kurdish region.

Campus Life

College 'GENDER GAP' favoring women stops growing

By ERIC GORSKI
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More men are attending college and graduating with a bachelor's degree, reversing the tendency of female undergraduates to outnumber men and outperform them academically, according to a new report out Tuesday.

One notable exception is young Hispanic men—especially new immigrants—who are falling further behind Hispanic women.

Men account for 43 percent of overall college enrollment and earn 43 percent of bachelor's degrees—figures that have remained consistent since the early 2000s.

However, the analysis by the Washington-based American Council on Education shows the disparity lies largely in the fact that men are much less likely than women to go to college—or return to college—later in life: Undergraduate men age 25 or older are outnumbered by women in the same age group 2-to-1.

"Traditional" students who head directly to college from high school are split between the genders. Men still lead in the number of PhD and MD degrees awarded, while the genders are about even in graduate programs in law and business administration.

"Why are men less likely than women to enter (or re-enter) higher education later in life?" researcher Jacqueline King, the author of the study, asked. "Perhaps the higher salaries that men of all education levels continue to command in the labor market depress enrollments, or men are less willing to reduce the amount they work (and earn) in order to pursue higher education, but additional research is needed."

There is disagreement about the causes of the college gender gap, the extent of the problem and what should be done about it. While some scholars and experts argue that earning disparities provide financial greater incentive for women to attend college, others claim schools systems biased against boys leave them are unprepared for college.

Still others caution that whatever the problems facing men as a whole, attention ought to be focused on minority and poor men who face the greatest challenges.

After decades of discrimination and exclusion from many campuses, women became the majority on college campuses after 1978, an outgrowth of the women's rights movement and a drop-off in male enrollment after the end of the Vietnam era.

By 1990, the female-male breakdown was 55 percent to 45 percent. The gap widened to 57 percent to 43 percent in 2003 and has been frozen there since, according to the report.

A similar leveling off has taken place with undergraduate degrees. The last time men and women were on even footing in earning bachelor's degrees was 1980. The gender gap kept growing until it had tilted in favor of women 57 percent to 43 percent in 2000-2001—and has held steady there since.

Anecdotal evidence suggests the recession is pushing more men back to school—community colleges have reported gains in male enrollment—which could narrow the gender gap, King said.

Among the report's other findings:

■ The percentage of Hispanic undergraduates 24 or younger who are male fell from 45 percent in 1999-2000 to 42 percent in 2007-2008. Only half of young adults who are Hispanic immigrants completed high school, and less than 10 percent earned a bachelor's degree.

■ Among undergraduates 24 and younger, the gender gap is widest among African-Americans: 59 percent female to 41 percent male in 2007-2008. However, the gap has narrowed since 1995-1996, when it was 63-37.

■ Although the number of degrees awarded to white and Hispanic men are rising, they are not earning degrees at a higher rate because the gains aren't keeping up with population growth.

School officials are limited in what they can do to narrow the gap because anti-discrimination laws restrict public schools and most private schools that accept federal dollars from considering gender as an admissions factor.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission is investigating whether private liberal arts colleges in the Washington, D.C., area are discriminating against women in an effort to better balance their enrollments.

Linda Sax, an associate professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, said attention should focus on preparing and attracting low-income African-American and Latino men to college, given their historic under-representation.

"At the same time, we must acknowledge the fact that women continue to comprise the majority of low-income and first-generation college students and remain underrepresented in traditionally male fields like engineering and computer science," said Sax, author of "The Gender Gap in College: Maximizing the Developmental Potential of Women and Men." "Their needs ought not be overlooked."

Earning more

Annual earning potential depending on educational attainment:

High school dropout
$25,740

High school graduate
$33,801

Some college, no degree
$39,665

Associate's degree
$42,046

Bachelor's degree
$55,656

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
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Girls may learn math anxiety from female teachers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Little girls may learn to fear math from the women who are their earliest teachers. Despite gains in recent years, women still trail men in some areas of math achievement, and the question of why has provoked controversy. Now, a study of first- and second-graders suggests what may be part of the answer: Female elementary school teachers who are concerned about their own math skills could be passing that along to the little girls they teach.

Young students tend to model themselves after adults of the same sex, and having a female teacher who is anxious about math may reinforce the stereotype that boys are better at math than girls, explained Sian L. Beilock, an associate professor in psychology at the University of Chicago.

Beilock and colleagues studied 52 boys and 65 girls who in classes taught by 17 different teachers. Ninety percent of U.S. elementary school teachers are women, as were all of those in this study.

Student math ability was not related to teacher math anxiety at the start of the school year, the researchers report in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

But by the end of the year, the more anxious teachers were about their own math skills, the more likely their female students—but not the boys—were to agree that "boys are good at math and girls are good at reading."

In addition, the girls who answered that way scored lower on math tests than either the classes' boys or the girls who had not developed a belief in the stereotype, the researchers found.

"It's actually surprising in a way, and not. People have had a hunch that teachers could impact the students in this way, but didn't know how it might do so in gender-specific fashion," Beilock said in a telephone interview.

Beilock, who studies how anxieties and stress can affect people's performance, noted that other research has indicated that elementary education majors at the college level have the highest levels of math anxiety of any college major.

"We wanted to see how that impacted their performance," she said.

After seeing the results, the researchers recommended that the math requirements for obtaining an elementary education teaching degree be rethought.

"If the next generation of teachers—especially elementary school teachers—is going to teach their students effectively, more care needs to be taken to develop both strong math skills and positive math attitudes in these educators," the researchers wrote.

Janet S. Hyde, a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, called the study a "great paper, very clever research."

"It squares with an impression I've had for a long time," said Hyde, who was not part of the research team.

Hyde was lead author of a 2008 study showing women gaining on men in math skills but still lagging significantly in areas such as physics and engineering.

Girls who grow up believing females lack math skills wind up avoiding harder math classes, Hyde noted.

"It keeps girls and women out of a lot of careers, particularly high-prestige, lucrative careers in science and technology," she said.

Beilock did note that not all of the girls in classrooms with math-anxious teachers fell prey to the stereotype, but "teachers are one source," she said.

Life & Style

Dancers with Oscar dreams audition for big show

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Lined up in sweats and leotards, hundreds of sinewy dancers wait with paper numbers pinned to their chests and a singular hope within. Under gray, rainy skies, in dance shoes and bare feet, they've come to an open audition at a place called Center Staging with one dream: dancing on the Academy Awards.

No. 149, April Thomas, brought her bundled-up 9-month-old son Kerrick along in his stroller. No. 37, Leah Adler, stretches and warms up after waiting outside in the rain. No. 26, the one-named Malaya, stands quietly in a crowd of her colleagues.

At the front of a nondescript room sits Academy Awards producer and choreographer Adam Shankman, who got his first big Oscar break as a dancer on the show 20 years ago. Flanked by some of the industry's top choreographers, Shankman presides over Friday's audition.

"I'll put on some soft music so that we can talk about you behind your back," he says to the group with a warm smile. He then separates the dancers by gender, lines them up and asks each to perform a pair of ballet moves—a double pirouette and an arabesque that take just seconds to complete.

Instantly, more than half of the would-be performers are eliminated.

Nos. 26, 37 and 149 make the first cut.

"I just love to dance. And the Academy Awards, you can't get better than that," says Thomas, No. 149, snuggling her baby boy.

"Honestly, I just want to work and be on a big stage," says Adler, No. 37, who belonged to a dance company in New York before relocating to the West Coast. "Everyone wants to book that big gig with that big choreographer."

AP

Producer and choreographer Adam Shankman, center, watches a dancer perform during open dance auditions for the 82nd Academy Awards Telecast in Burbank, Calif. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

Shankman is among the biggest in the business these days. The director and choreographer of the 2007 film "Hairspray" and regular judge on TV's "So You Think You Can Dance" has collected more than three dozen choreography credits since 1992, and it was partly his dance prowess that got him the Oscar producing gig.

He invites those who made the first cut to return to the room, where two of his assistants begin teaching a brief dance routine filled with leaps, twists and spins.

Shankman, lithe and fit in black track pants, black socks and a white warm-up jacket, steps out from behind the table to show the aspiring performers just what he's looking for.

"If your arms are here, I'll freak out," he says, his arms hanging limp near his chest. "And you don't want that."

They run through the routine a few times, first with counts, then with music.

"It's playful and whimsical and I'm seeing hard, angry jazz," he coaches. "Feel the music. Let it lift you."

Shankman divides the dancers into groups of five. Each performs the routine twice. As Nos. 37, 26 and 149 wait their turn, they pantomime the moves to the music.

No. 37 is called to perform. She leaps effortlessly, light as air, her black bodysuit taut against every muscle.

"Numbers 37, 66 and 122, come up and get a green wristband," says associate choreographer Jamal Sims. The green wristband means they're still in the running and will have another opportunity to perform for Shankman and his team.

Kerrigan's dad dies; brother accused of assault

WOBURN, Mass. (AP)—Daniel Kerrigan, who rushed to his sobbing daughter Nancy and carried her into the locker room after an attack at a skating competition nearly derailed her Olympic dreams, died after what authorities said was a violent struggle with his son in their family home.

Mark Kerrigan, 45, pleaded not guilty Monday to assaulting his 70-year-old father at the home in the Boston suburb of Stoneham where he had been living with his parents. He did not speak at his arraignment but at one point put his head in his hands and wept.

Nancy Kerrigan, a two-time Olympic medal winner, arrived at the family home shortly before 2 p.m. Monday and left a couple of hours later. She did not say anything to reporters and photographers waiting outside.

Family members said Daniel Kerrigan's death was not related to the argument with his son early Sunday.

A woman who answered the phone at a listing for Daniel Kerrigan identified herself only as "Dan's sister" and said her brother "had a massive heart attack." She said her nephew played no part in the death and declined to comment further. Brenda Kerrigan, Daniel Kerrigan's wife, told the Boston Herald that her husband died of a heart attack and that there was nothing suspicious about the death.

Mark Kerrigan, who has a history of domestic violence arrests and was sued by his parents to recover money they had provided him, was being held on $10,000 bail. He was released from jail in 2007, according to his lawyer, but it was not immediately clear why he was serving time or for how long he served.

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Mark Kerrigan, 45, the brother of figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, is led in handcuffs out of Woburn, Mass. District Court after his arraignment Monday, Jan. 25, 2010.

The death of Daniel Kerrigan comes as the national spotlight again turns to one of the most popular sports in the upcoming Olympic Games, just weeks away. The intensity of competition among skaters was never more apparent than in 1994, when an assailant clubbed Nancy Kerrigan on her right knee during practice at the U.S. Championships. An investigation revealed rival Tonya Harding had knowledge of the planning of the attack.

Daniel Kerrigan and his wife, Brenda, nurtured the love of skating in their daughter, who was a self-described tomboy with two hockey-playing big brothers. Daniel Kerrigan, a welder, drove a Zamboni ice-cleaning machine at the local rink in exchange for practice ice time, and he and Brenda took out a second mortgage on their home to help pay for Nancy's skating lessons.

Torn Picasso to be repaired, shown in Met exhibit

NEW YORK (AP)—A Picasso painting damaged when a woman lost her balance and fell on the canvas last week will be repaired in time for an exhibition of the artist's works in April, the Metropolitan Museum of Art said Monday.

"The Actor," a painting from Picasso's rose period, will be restored at the museum's conservation laboratory, the Met said.

The accident has also led museum director Thomas P. Campbell to request a review of relevant policies and procedures, spokeswoman Elyse Topalian said.

The museum described the damage as an irregular 6-inch tear to the lower right-hand corner of the painting. Conservation and curatorial experts "fully expect" that the restoration "will be unobtrusive," the museum said in a statement Sunday.

The artwork is nearly 6 by 4 feet and depicts a standing acrobat in a pink costume and blue knee-high boots striking a pose against an abstracted backdrop.

The restoration will be done in the coming weeks, and the piece will be displayed as planned in an exhibition of 250 Picasso works drawn from the museum's collection, from April 27 to Aug. 1, the museum said.

The accident occurred in a second-floor gallery of early Picasso works when a patron participating in one of the museum's art classes lost her balance and fell on the canvas, the museum said. She was one of 14 people in the guided group.

AP

This image provided by the Metropolitan Museum of Art shows "The Actor," a painting from Picasso's rose period.

It happened during regular visiting hours when other visitors were in the gallery. People who attend the art classes typically roam through the museum in a group stopping in front of works of interest "The Actor" was donated to the Met in 1952 by art patron Thelma Chrysler Foy, the elder daughter of auto magnate Walter Chrysler. The museum said it had been included in many major exhibitions of Picasso's works both in the United States and in Europe.

Pernell Roberts, last star of TV's 'Bonanza,' dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pernell Roberts, the ruggedly handsome actor who shocked Hollywood by leaving TV's "Bonanza" at the height of its popularity, then found fame again years later on "Trapper John, M.D.," has died. He was 81.

Roberts, the last surviving member of the classic Western's cast, died of cancer Sunday at his Malibu home, his wife Eleanor Criswell told the Los Angeles Times.

Although he rocketed to fame in 1959 as Adam Cartwright, eldest son of a Nevada ranching family led by Lorne Greene's patriarchal Ben Cartwright, Roberts chafed at the limitations he felt his "Bonanza" character was given.

"They told me the four characters (Greene, himself and Dan Blocker and Michael Landon as his brothers) would be carefully defined and the scripts carefully prepared," he complained to The Associated Press in 1964. "None of it ever happened."

It particularly distressed him that his character, a man in his 30s, had to continually defer to the wishes of his widowed father.

"Doesn't it seem a bit silly for three adult males to get Father's permission for everything they do?" he once asked a reporter.

Roberts agreed to fulfill his six-year contract but refused to extend it, and when he left the series in 1965, his character was eliminated with the explanation that he had simply moved away.

"Bonanza," with its three remaining stars, continued until 1973, making it second to "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running Western on TV. Blocker died in 1972, Greene in 1987, and Landon in 1991.

When Roberts left the show the general feeling in Hollywood was that he had foolishly doomed his career and turned his back on a fortune in "Bonanza" earnings.

Indeed, for the next 14 years he mainly made appearances on TV shows and in miniseries, or toured with such theatrical productions as "The King and I, "Camelot" and "The Music Man."

His TV credits during that time included "The Virginian," "Hawaii Five-O," "Mission Impossible," "Marcus Welby, M.D.," "Banacek," "Ironside" and "Mannix."

Then, in 1979, he landed another series, "Trapper John, M.D.," in which he played the title role.

The character, but little else, was spun off from the brilliant Korean War comedy-drama "M-A-S-H," in which Wayne Rogers had played the offbeat Dr. "Trapper" John McIntire opposite Alan Alda's Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce.

Rogers had left that series after just three seasons.

In "Trapper John, M.D.," the Korean War was nearly 30 years past and Roberts' character was now a balding, middle-aged chief of surgery at San Francisco Memorial Hospital. He no longer fought the establishment, having learned how to deal with it with patience and wry humor.

The series, praised for its serious treatment of the surgical world, aired until 1986.

Roberts' other venture into series TV was "FBI: The Untold Stories" (1991-1993), in which he acted as host and narrator.

Pernell Roberts Jr. was born in 1928 in Waycross, Ga. As a young man, he once commented, "I distinguished myself by flunking out of college three times." After pursuing occupations that ranged from tombstone maker to railroad riveter, he decided to become an actor.

Roberts worked extensively in regional theaters, then gained notice in New York, where he won a Drama Desk award in 1956 for his performance in an off-Broadway production of "Macbeth."

This 1959 picture provided by NBC shows actor Pernell Roberts from the "Bonanza" television show.

AP

Aaron Stovitz, original Manson prosecutor, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Aaron Stovitz, the original prosecutor of Charles Manson and three followers who was removed from the case after a dispute with his boss over out-of-court comments, died Monday of leukemia at the age of 86.

Stovitz died at a hospital in the Tarzana area of Los Angeles after a yearlong battle with the illness, his family said.

He was removed from the headline-making Manson trial in 1970 for allegedly talking too much to the media, and was replaced by his younger colleague Vincent Bugliosi. Stovitz's ouster from the case by then-District Attorney Evelle Younger was a subject of controversy in the legal community for many years. Stovitz said years later he was not bitter but felt the remark that got him removed from the case was "innocuous."

Stovitz continued to work as a prosecutor into the 1980s and later served as a municipal court commissioner.

He was a top prosecutor in the office long after the Manson episode, said District Attorney Steve Cooley, who got to know Stovitz after he retired.

"He was known for his enthusiasm for the job that was infectious," Cooley said. "He's part of the legacy of our office."

But it was the incident in 1970 that came to define Stovitz in the history of the Manson case, one of the most high-profile murder cases ever tried in Los Angeles. He was a veteran prosecutor and head of the trial division when actress Sharon Tate and six others were killed in the summer of 1969. Stovitz was assigned to the case immediately with Bugliosi tapped to assist him.

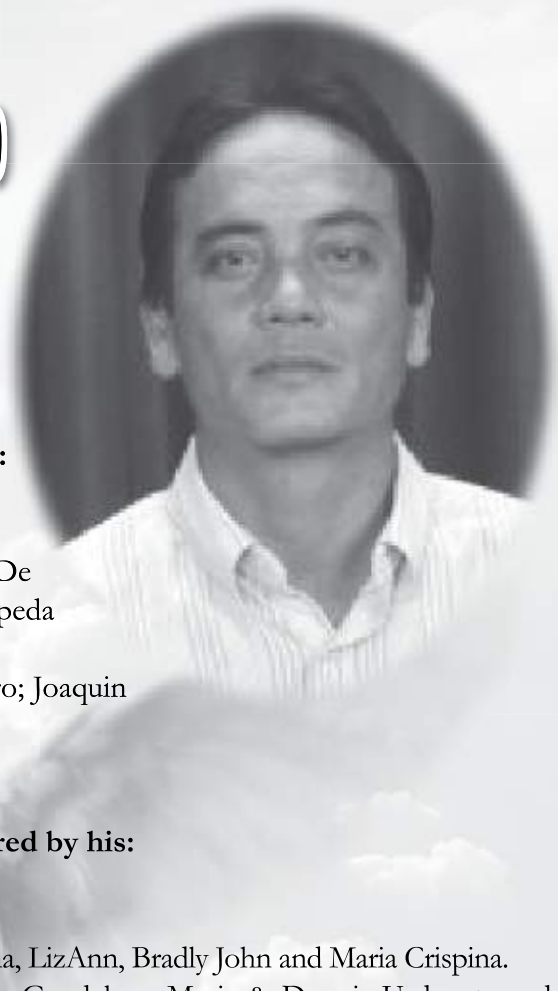
He proceeded to map out the state's case against the four defendants and was ready for trial when he was abruptly removed by Younger. The judge had imposed a gag order on participants, and Stovitz was warned by his boss to make no further comments after Stovitz gave an interview to Rolling Stone Magazine.

Stovitz then made a comment to reporters, describing remarks by defendant Susan Atkins complaining about her health as a "performance worthy of a Sarah Bernhardt." Stovitz would say years later he thought the remark was off the record. But Younger heard about it and removed him from the case.

Bugliosi went on to win convictions and write a best-selling book, "Helter Skelter." He recalled the incident in his book, saying Stovitz's comment was a "passing remark."

IN GOD'S CARE

WALTER DAVID DE LEON GUERRERO



(Lovingly known as "Wally" or "Wally Boy")
born on September 22, 1969
went to meet our Lord
on January 19, 2010 at the age of 40.

Entering the gates of heaven, he will be greeted by his:

Grandmother – Maria Crispina Ada De Leon Guerrero
Great Grandparents – Vicente Diaz & Guadalupe Ada De Leon Guerrero; and Vicente Iglesias and Rosa Cepeda Leon Guerrero
Uncles – Monsignor Jose A. and Jesus A. De Leon Guerrero; Joaquin C. and Bernardo C. Leon Guerrero

Loving memories will be treasured and long remembered by his:

Parents – Alicia and Jose Cepeda Leon Guerrero
Children – Josef Joachin, David Bradley, Vincent James, Almina, LizAnn, Bradly John and Maria Crispina.
Siblings – Joellene Collette & Albert Abadam and children; Guadalupe Maria & Dennis Urdaneta and son; Roslyn Monique Leon Guerrero; Alana May Leon Guerrero; Marlena Marie Leon Guerrero and children; Jeffrey Leon Guerrero and daughter

Brothers of the heart – Charlie Leon Guerrero & family; Nicolas Leon Guerrero & family; Christopher Leon Guerrero & family

Godparents – David M. & Rita C. Sablan; Guadalupe Perez Manglona; David P. & Connie Sablan; and Steven P. Sablan

Wally is also loved and cherished by numerous aunts, uncles, counsins, nephews and nieces, and friends.

Daily masses of intentions are offered at 6:00 a.m. and rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Wally will be with us for the last time on Saturday, January 30, 2010 and last respects may be paid at Mount Carmel Cathedral beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. followed immediately with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Your thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

THE FAMILY

'Avatar' passes 'Dark Knight' on domestic chart

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Avatar" is closer to crashing box offices record set by "Titanic."

James Cameraon's sci-fi saga was No. 1 at the box office for the sixth-straight weekend with $34.9 million, flying past "The Dark Knight" to become the second highest-grossing film domestically with $551.7 million and creeping toward the $600.8 million first-place mark set by "Titantic." It's also on the verge of passing "Titanic" on the worldwide chart.

In this file film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, the character Neytiri, voiced by Zoe Saldana, right, and the character Jake, voiced by Sam Worthington are shown in a scene from, "Avatar."

AP

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Monday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com are:

1. ***"Avatar,"*** Fox, $34,944,081, 3,141 locations, $11,125 average, $551,741,499, six weeks.
2. ***"Legion,"*** Screen Gems, $17,501,625, 2,476 locations, $7,069 average, $17,501,625, one week.
3. ***"The Book of Eli,"*** Warner Bros., $15,732,463, 3,111 locations, $5,057 average, $60,735,686, two weeks.
4. ***"Tooth Fairy,"*** Fox, $14,010,409, 3,344 locations, $4,190 average, $14,010,409, one week.
5. ***"The Lovely Bones,"*** Paramount, $8,418,192, 2,571 locations, $3,274 average, $31,242,633, seven weeks.
6. ***"Sherlock Holmes,"*** Warner Bros., $6,628,069, 2,670 locations, $2,482 average, $191,076,852, five weeks.
7. ***"Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel,"*** Fox, $6,403,504, 2,973 locations, $2,154 average, $204,140,348, five weeks.
8. ***"Extraordinary Measures,"*** CBS, $6,012,594, 2,545 locations, $2,363 average, $6,012,594, one week.
9. ***"It's Complicated,"*** Universal, $5,810,025, 2,301 locations, $2,525 average, $98,270,085, five weeks.
10. ***"The Spy Next Door,"*** Lionsgate, $4,584,524, 2,924 locations, $1,568 average, $18,544,639, two weeks.
11. ***"The Blind Side,"*** Warner Bros., $4,166,136, 1,932 locations, $2,156 average, $233,678,402, 10 weeks.
12. ***"Up in the Air,"*** Paramount, $3,902,190, 1,707 locations, $2,286 average, $69,245,716, eight weeks.
13. ***"Leap Year,"*** Universal, $2,889,110, 1,939 locations, $1,490 average, $22,855,295, three weeks.
14. ***"Daybreakers,"*** Lionsgate, $1,551,703, 1,523 locations, $1,019 average, $28,096,998, three weeks.
15. ***"To Save a Life,"*** Samuel Goldwyn, $1,513,955, 441 locations, $3,433 average, $1,513,955, one week.
16. ***"Crazy Heart,"*** Fox Searchlight, $1,353,214, 93 locations, $14,551 average, $3,865,689, six weeks.
17. ***"The Princess and the Frog,"*** Disney, $1,292,793, 1,082 locations, $1,195 average, $99,248,026, nine weeks.
18. ***"Youth in Revolt,"*** Weinstein, $819,545, 743 locations, $1,103 average, $14,269,450, three weeks.
19. ***"The Young Victoria,"*** Apparition, $745,514, 307 locations, $2,428 average, $7,376,860, six weeks.
20. ***"A Single Man,"*** Weinstein, $717,077, 216 locations, $3,320 average, $4,466,097, seven weeks.

Radiohead does big things for Haiti at small venue

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Radiohead raised more than $500,000 for Haiti earthquake relief at a special weekend concert that attracted celebrities and die-hard fans.

The band performed for more than two hours Sunday at the Henry Fonda Theatre. The star-studded crowd included Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel, Charlize Theron, Anna Paquin and Daniel Craig.

Attendees bid online for tickets, with proceeds going to Oxfam International, a group that works with developing countries. Prices went as high as $4,000 for a pair of tickets. The closing minimum bid was $475.

Lead singer Thom Yorke joked with the crowd about the ticket prices, saying, "What did you do to get a ticket? Get money from your dad? Or blackmail your boss?"

Timberlake took in the show from the floor in the general admission area, singing along with the band's hits, which included "Fake Plastic Trees," "Paranoid Android," "Lucky" and "The Bends."

AP

In this Aug. 9, 2008 file photo, Thom Yorke of Radiohead perform during the All Points West music festival at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, N.J.

"I love them for the same reason everyone loves Radiohead," Timberlake told The Associated Press. "I have been listening to them since I was 13."

At work on a new album, Radiohead took a break from the studio to put together the special one-time benefit show at the 1,300-seat theater, a relatively small venue for the band. Funds also were raised from the sale of limited-edition show posters, which went for $25 each. Oxfam volunteers collected cash donations dropped into green buckets at the theater's entrance.

Tickets were sold only in pairs, prompting fans to search for bidding partners online.

Shane Rivers of Sacramento, who says he's seen the band 15 times, found his plus-one on Craigslist.

"I drove seven hours to be here," said Rivers, who paid $600 for his ticket. "It was special to be in the room."

Rob Molt of San Diego said he feverishly bid for days to win his $475 ticket. He said he would have spent "whatever it took to see such a beautiful band do such a beautiful thing."

"I hope how special this night was translates," he said. "I was expecting to be the runt in a Hollywood crowd, but it was all real Radiohead fans."

John Travolta to pilot plane to Haiti

LOS ANGELES (AP)—John Travolta is soaring to Haiti with earthquake relief.

The 55-year-old actor and avid pilot plans to fly one of his private jets from Florida to Haiti on Monday night, according to Travolta's spokesman, Paul Bloch. The "Grease" star will be joined by his actress-wife Kelly Preston, several doctors and Church of Scientology ministers, as well as relief supplies. Travolta and Preston will then return to the U.S.

The "From Paris with Love" star took his first flying lesson when he was 15.

More than 80 million see Haiti aid telethon

LOS ANGELES (AP)—More than 80 million people tuned in for last week's all-star "Hope for Haiti Now" telethon.

The Nielsen Co. said Monday that an estimated 83 million people saw at least a brief part of the fundraiser carried Friday on 33 TV networks. The audience watching the two-hour event at any given time averaged 24 million viewers.

Organizers for the telethon said it's raised $57 million, with more donations still to come in.

The event, which also streamed live online, featured Brad Pitt, Beyonce, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen and other stars who encouraged donations for Haiti, hit by a devastating Jan. 12 earthquake that killed an estimated 200,000 people.

Money was also being raised by the sale of telethon performances via iTunes.

Clear Channel interested in signing Howard Stern

By **DEBORAH YAO**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Clear Channel Communications Inc., the home of conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh, said it's interested in signing Howard Stern when the shock jock's contract with Sirius satellite radio expires.

That would mark an about-face for the nation's largest radio chain, which yanked his show from its stations in 2004 after his raunchy broadcasts were repeatedly subjected to regulatory fines.

John Hogan, chief executive of Clear Channel's Radio division, told Bloomberg BusinessWeek that Stern would have to accept the government-imposed limits of terrestrial radio.

Stern, whose five-year, $500 million contract with Sirius XM Radio Inc. expires at year's end, does not face the same restrictions with Sirius because that show is distributed over satellite radio.

Although Clear Channel confirmed its interest in Stern to The Associated Press on Monday, the shock jock appeared to dismiss the prospects of signing with the company.

"Once you come on here, it's actually very difficult to go back," Stern said on the "Bubba The Love Sponge" show Thursday.

He said he did get an actual job offer.

"Not a bona fide offer, but people have been making them," Stern said. However, "I can't imagine the day where I would ever work for Clear Channel. That's pretty sure."

Calls and e-mails to Sirius and Stern's agent, Don Buchwald, were not returned.

Stern has repeatedly said on his show that he might quit or retire from satellite radio once his contract expires.

Aside from Clear Channel, it's not clear who in radio would pay up for him.

There's one satellite radio company left and Stern's already on it. While Sirius' finances have improved, the company might not be able to afford him again at half a billion dollars.

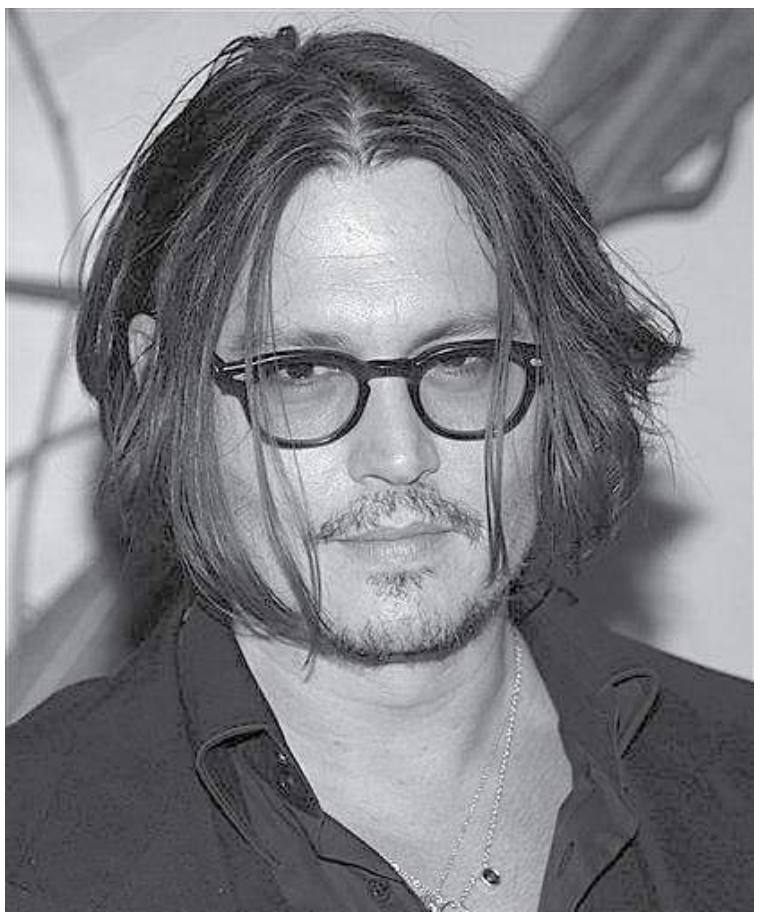
Publicist: Johnny Depp is victim of Internet hoax

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A publicist says Johnny Depp is still very much alive after being the subject of an online hoax.

Robin Baum, who represents the 46-year-old actor, said Monday that Internet reports of Depp's death over the weekend in France were a horrible rumor.

Baum calls the hoax the work of an irresponsible and unconscionable person, especially since children and families are involved.

Depp has two children with his partner, Vanessa Paradis.



In this Nov. 17, 2009 file photo, actor Johnny Depp attends The Museum of Modern Art's film benefit tribute to Tim Burton in New York.

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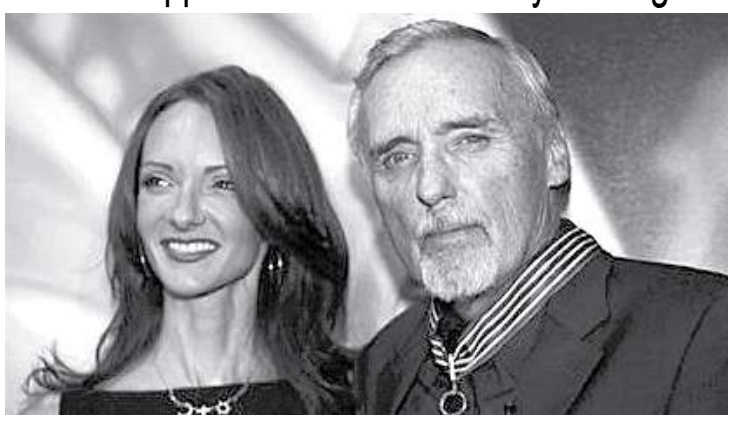
Dennis Hopper's wife wants custody of daughter



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In this Oct. 13, 2008 file photo, actor Dennis Hopper, right, and his wife, Victoria Duffy, are shown after Hopper was awarded the "Commander in France's National Order Of Arts and Letters" in Paris.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Court records show Dennis Hopper's wife wants full custody of their young daughter as part of their divorce case.

Victoria Hopper filed a response Monday to a divorce petition filed Jan. 14 by Dennis Hopper that cited irreconcilable differences.

The actor is battling prostate cancer.

Victoria Hopper's papers list the same reason for the breakup and note her husband filed for the divorce as the same day they separated.

The "Easy Rider" actor wants joint custody of the couple's 6-year-old daughter. He also is asking a judge to award his wife spousal support.

Calls and an e-mail message to Dennis Hopper's manager Sam Maydew have not been returned.

The Hoppers have been married nearly 14 years.

Actor Gary Coleman released from Utah jail

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Actor Gary Coleman was released from a Utah jail Monday after being arrested over the weekend on a warrant for failing to appear in court, police said.

Santaquin Police Chief Dennis Howard said officers went to the "Diff'rent Strokes" star's home after a domestic disturbance call Sunday afternoon. Howard said they arrested Coleman, 41, on the warrant and booked him into the Utah County Jail.

Santaquin City Attorney Brett Rich said the warrant is related to a domestic violence charge filed against Coleman in the city justice court on Aug. 26, 2009.

Jail records show Coleman posted $1,725 bail and was released Monday afternoon. He is expected to appear at a hearing in Santaquin Justice Court on Feb. 8, Rich said.

Santaquin is about 65 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Coleman's agent, Robert Malcolm, told The Associated Press he had no details about the arrest. A telephone message left for Terry Plant, a Utah-based attorney who has represented Coleman in the past, was not immediately returned Monday.

In December 2008 Coleman pleaded no contest to a disorderly conduct charge stemming from an incident at a Payson bowling alley and was ordered to pay a $100 fine.

A personal injury lawsuit against Coleman and his wife, Shannon Price, 24, related to the same incident has been settled.

Colt Rushton sued Coleman over a September 2008 incident in which Coleman allegedly hit Rushton with his truck in a Payson bowling alley parking lot after an altercation over photos.

Coleman moved to Santaquin in 2005, around the time he starred in "Church Ball," a comedy based on basketball leagues formed by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and Price met on the movie set.

AP

This Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010 booking photo provided by the Utah County jail shows Gary Coleman.

Kimmel's show marks 7th anniversary; Ford guests

AP

In this publicity image released by ABC, actor Harrison Ford, left, poses with host Jimmy Kimmel on the set of "Jimmy Kimmel Live".

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There is happiness to be found in late-night TV these days. Just ask Jimmy Kimmel, who is celebrating the seventh anniversary of his ABC show Tuesday with guest Harrison Ford.

Ford is set to deliver a "very special" gift to the "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" host to mark the occasion, ABC said Monday.

"People often ask me if I ever imagined we'd be on the air this long," Kimmel said. "It's a weird compliment wrapped in an insult, but I'll take it."

He added that he feels lucky to work "for a network that showed enough patience to allow us to grow and, more importantly, pays almost no attention to what goes on after midnight."

Kimmel's milestone comes just days after Conan O'Brien ended his seven-month tenure as "Tonight" host, with Jay Leno set to reclaim the job he left last year. O'Brien's exit was preceded by a bitter public battle with NBC over its plan to shift him to a post-midnight slot.

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" airs at 12:05 a.m. EST weeknights on ABC. Also appearing on the anniversary show Tuesday are Kristen Bell and the Silversun Pickups band.

Upset winner in Mass. Senate race headed for Leno

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Scott Brown is going prime time. The Republican who rocketed to national prominence by winning a U.S. Senate seat in Massachusetts is scheduled to appear Thursday on "The Jay Leno Show."

NBC spokeswoman Tracy St. Pierre says Brown will do a skit via satellite hookup in which Leno fires off 10 quick questions.

The once little-known state legislator jolted the national political landscape last week by capturing the Senate seat once held by Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Daughter despairs over tense relationship with her mother

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl and I fight with my mother almost daily. It makes me sad and upset all the time, and I don't know what to do. The last fight we had was over something so dumb I don't even know why I dragged it out for so long. I said things I didn't mean—things that were hurtful and cruel.

No child should ever treat a parent like I treat my mom. I take her love and kindness for granted, and never tell her how much I really do appreciate her. What I said to her in anger made her cry.

How can I tell or show my mom how sorry I am and how much I love her and admire her, and how can I stop myself from exploding and saying things to her that I don't mean?

UPSET IN INDIANA

DEAR UPSET: The most direct way to make amends would be to hug your mom and apologize for flying off the handle and saying things you didn't mean. Tell her you love her and will try hard to do better because you are ashamed of your behavior and know it wasn't justified.

It's important to understand that the average person can experience frustration that leads to anger multiple times a day. Anger is a normal emotion.

The challenge that everyone faces is how not to deny the feeling, but to express it in ways that are productive for ourselves and not hurtful to others. One way to accomplish this is recognizing what pushes our buttons. What provoked you? Were you under pressure? Or were you angry about something else so you "dumped" on an innocent party (in this case, your mom) because she was handy?

In my booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," I explain that one of the unhealthiest ways to deal with anger is to deny or repress it. However, because most of us have been trained from early childhood to suppress anger, many of us need to learn to express it appropriately.

The Anger booklet can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby—Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

In it are suggestions for managing anger, including how to express anger in constructive ways, such as a few well-chosen words that will make your point. It takes maturity to identify and verbalize negative emotions instead of "lashing out" and saying—or doing—something you'll regret.

Being able to calmly say, "When you do (blank), it makes me angry," before flying off the handle will earn you respect from others. If you resort to name-calling, the other person hears only the "static" and doesn't get your message. The first step in controlling anger is to recognize that the emotion is building, to understand that there are healthy and effective ways to express it, and to diffuse it before you lose control.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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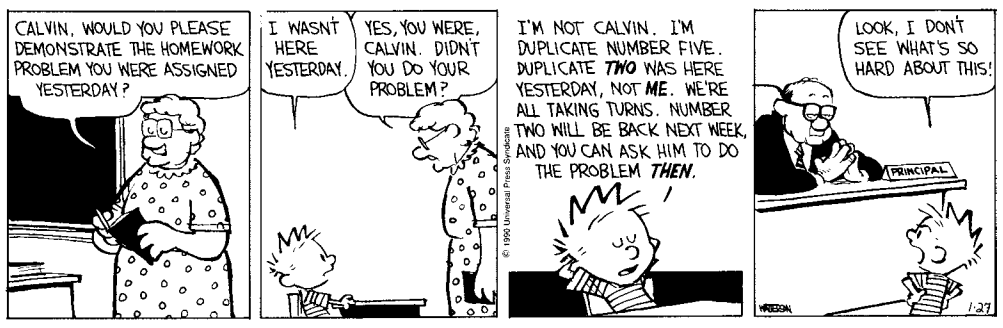
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CALVIN, WOULD YOU PLEASE DEMONSTRATE THE HOMEWORK PROBLEM YOU WERE ASSIGNED YESTERDAY?
I WASN'T HERE YESTERDAY.
YES, YOU WERE, CALVIN. DIDN'T YOU DO YOUR PROBLEM?
I'M NOT CALVIN. I'M DUPLICATE NUMBER FIVE. DUPLICATE TWO WAS HERE YESTERDAY, NOT ME. WE'RE ALL TAKING TURNS. NUMBER TWO WILL BE BACK NEXT WEEK, AND YOU CAN ASK HIM TO DO THE PROBLEM THEN.
LOOK, I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT THIS!
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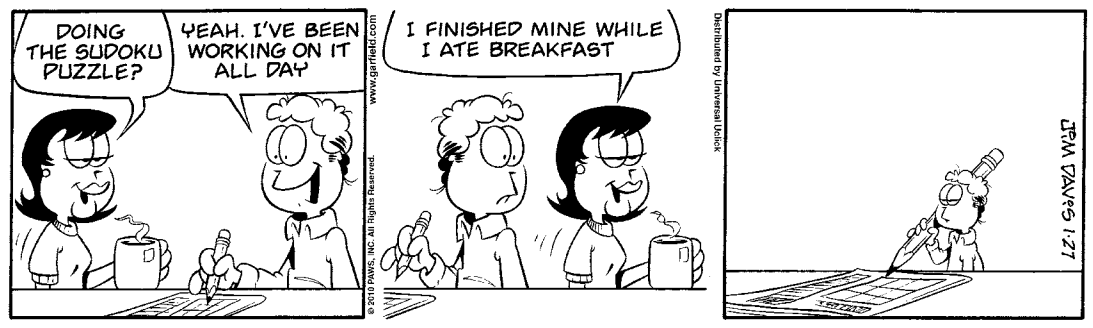
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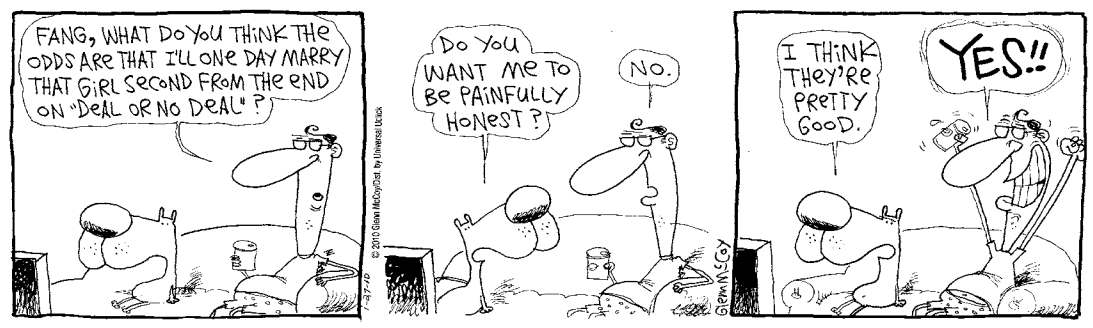
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DO YOU WANT ME TO BE PAINFULLY HONEST?
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I THINK THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD.
YES!!
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By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Archer's need
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15 Offer
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18 Calyx component
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24 Bonfire residue
25 Get a glimpse of
28 "Hey, sailor!"
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33 Kids' card game
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51 Trait
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55 Debtor's letters
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7 Barn birds
8 Former Montreal team
9 Prediction
10 Relaxation
11 Spuds' buds
16 Bullring bravo
20 Potato chip brand
22 Rani's wrap
23 Big jolt
25 Lamb's dam
26 Succumb to gravity
27 Barbecue fuels, often
29 Admitting clients
31 Morsel
32 "Humbug!"
34 Beseech
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Solution time: 21 mins.

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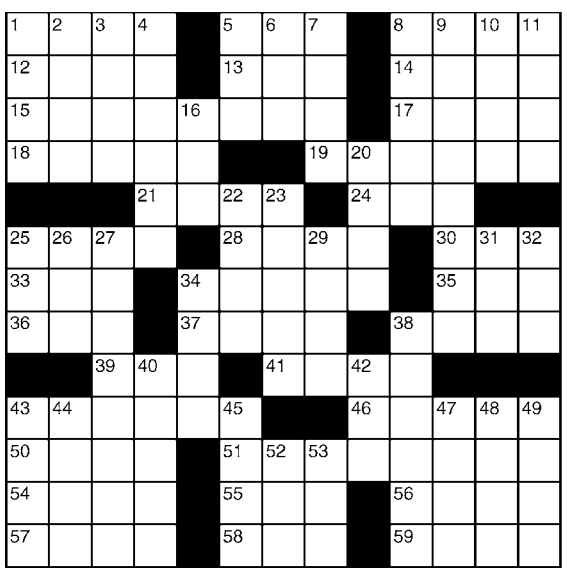

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Pushing for advancement may not be easy but it will be worth fighting for. Getting what you want will consume you and, although that can be good, make sure you don't neglect your personal responsibilities. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You will do yourself more harm than good if you get caught up in other people's personal lives. Instead, concentrate on the things you enjoy doing most. Distance yourself from anyone who isn't supportive. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): If you don't move swiftly, you will give people around you the wrong impression. Your inability to make a decision will reflect on how well you will do in a leadership position. An innovative idea will separate you from the crowd. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Make some personal changes. An attitude adjustment will enable you to come to an agreement with someone you share a lot of time and space with. Don't give up what you love. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Taking life too seriously will work against you. The more exciting you make your day, the better equipped you will be to deal with people who interest you. Getting out socially will lead to a good partnership. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Your timing needs to be flawless. You can mix business with pleasure and get a foothold on a future position. Don't wait for changes to come to you; go after your goals. Be a participant. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Being outspoken will help you today. Once you make it clear what you are intent on pursuing, you can move forward without guilt or someone standing in your way. Love and romance should be part of your agenda. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): The more responsible you are, the better you will feel about your accomplishments and the more you will impress the people you deal with. Make a difference in your community by being diligent in bringing about reforms. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Throw yourself into your work and making more money, not your personal life. You will run into trouble at home and if you deal someone you love and don't want to disappoint. A business trip or conference will help you avoid difficulties and get you out of the house. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): If you believe in your talent, so will everyone around you. Lay your cards on the table and advancement and success will be yours. The more disciplined and detailed you are, the more attention you will attract. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Dealing with authority figures, institutions or large corporations will result in problems. Let people come to you, not you to them. You must take care of your responsibilities without accepting help. Someone is eager to make you look bad. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You can use emotional tactics to get what you want but be prepared to have to make a quick change of plans in order to avoid criticism. It's best to work by yourself and avoid lending or borrowing money. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are strong-willed and determined. You are competitive and will never give in or give up. You use your intuition to guide you in personal matters.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		1	8	9	7	4		
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/27

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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6	9	3	2	5	1	4	7	8

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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In the Matter of the Estate of	CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0005
ESTEFANIA SEGIAN CABRERA	NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
Deceased.	

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF ESTEFANIA SEGIAN CABRERA, DECEASED

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For further particulars please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for petitioner, S. Joshua Berger, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P. O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950.

CREDITORS of decedent or of her Estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

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RUFINA M. SANCHEZ Petitioner, vs. **ABUL,** Respondent,	**FCD-D1 CIVIL ACTION NO.09-068(HR)** **SUMMONS**

TO: Abul

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a coy of your answer to Rufina M. Sanchez whose address is P.O. Box 1102, Rota, MP 96951 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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LeBron saves Cavs in win over Heat

MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James and Dwyane Wade walked off the court at halftime, smiling toward each other after an epic performance worthy of superstars.

At game's end, only James left happy.

James hit two free throws after a scary tumble and blow to the head with 4.1 seconds left for the winning points, and Wade missed a jumper over the reigning MVP's outstretched arm at the buzzer as the Eastern Conference-leading Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Miami Heat 92-91 on Monday night.

"It came down to one possession," said James, who matched Wade with a game-high 32 points. "Whoever got the last stop was going to win the game. Luckily it was us."

Wade had 30 at halftime, then only two the rest of the way—and missed two big free throws with 41.2 seconds left, part of a 1 of 6 showing from the line by the Heat in the fourth quarter .

It cost Miami dearly.

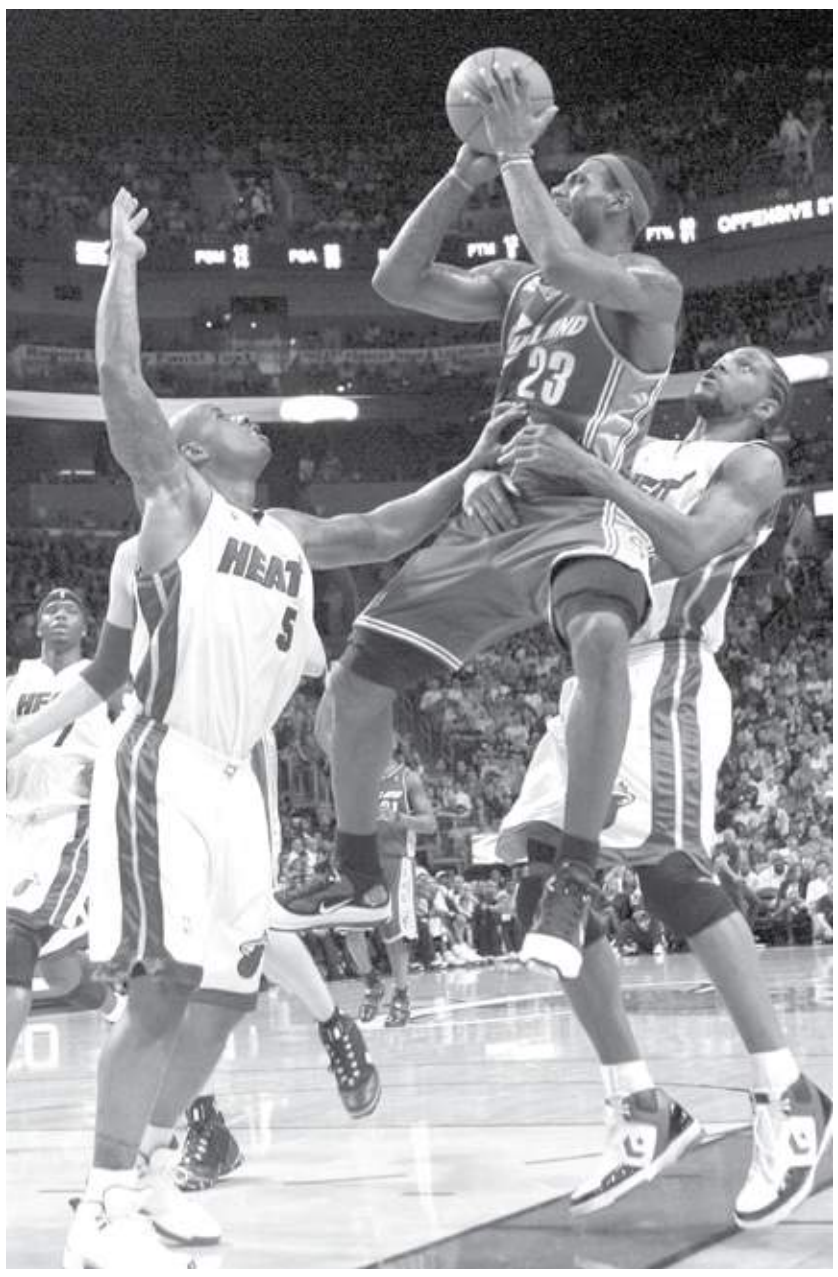
"We put ourselves in the right position," Wade said. "Just mistakes tonight that I made that I normally don't ... cost us."

As great as the back-and-forth between Wade and James was at times, the last half-minute might be all anyone remembers from this one.

Guarding his good friend for the first time all night, Wade blocked James' shot with about 28 seconds left, giving Miami the ball and a one-point lead. But on the ensuing possession, James—defending Wade this time—came up with a steal when the league's defending scoring champion tried a wraparound pass, drove in from halfcourt and created what became a frightening scene for both teams.

James and Wade went toward the hoop together, with Quentin Richardson defending as well. Both James and Wade landed awkwardly, and James writhed in pain for about 2 minutes as the entire Cavs' bench came out to check on their fallen leader. He got up, walked Richardson's foul off and made two free throws with 4.1 seconds left for a 92-91 lead.

"For him to get up after that collision and knock down two free throws the way that he did, he's got ice water in his veins, baby," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. "Ice water."



AP

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) shoots as Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem, right, and Miami Heat guard Quentin Richardson (5) defend in the second quarter during an NBA basketball game in Miami, Monday, Jan. 25, 2010.

And in the ensuing huddle, Brown wanted to call a double-team on Wade. The coach was overruled.

"I got D-Wade," James said.

Wade's shot bounced off the iron, and it was over.

"The good, the bad, you're up, you're down," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "I'll take it all with this team."

Shaquille O'Neal scored 19, Daniel Gibson had 15 and Anderson Varejao finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds for Cleveland.

Wade had 10 rebounds and five assists for Miami. Jermaine O'Neal finished with 18 points, Michael Beasley had 16 and Rafer Alston and Udonis Haslem each scored 10 for the Heat.

Jermaine O'Neal had 14 in the first quarter, Wade had 13 in the period, and Miami was off and running with a 34-24 lead after the first 12 minutes.

That was only the warmup act.

The second quarter was pure theater, Wade vs. LeBron.

So good was the show that hardly anyone noticed that Wade's teammates missed 15 straight shots over a 15 1/2-minute stretch, including 0 for 12 in the second quarter alone. Miami missed 12 straight before Wade made a step-back jumper with 3:37 left in the half put Miami up 40-39, and he followed that up with a 3-pointer while getting fouled by Jamario Moon to ignite the crowd.

James answered, a 3-pointer of his own making it a one-point game again.

It was on.

"The competition," Spoelstra said, "was fantastic."

Wade made a jumper and couldn't contain his grin as the building roared, knowing it was seeing a glorified game of 1-on-1 between two of the game's elite. James cleared everyone else out against Richardson, rebutting with a fallaway jumper of his own.

They were just getting started.

Celtics 95, Clippers 89

At Boston, Paul Pierce scored 22 points and Rajon Rondo had 16 points and 12 assists to lead Boston to a win on a TD Garden floor that had to be continually wiped because of condensation.

Boston forward Kevin Garnett played his second straight after missing 10 consecutive games with a hyperextended right knee. He finished with 17 points in 30 minutes.

Rasual Butler led the Clippers with 17 points.

The slippery parquet floor forced ball boys to mop one end while play was going on at the other for most of the game. Early in the game, it appeared a few players slipped, causing a brief delay with 2:28 left in the first quarter.

Pacers 109, 76ers 98

At Philadelphia, Danny Granger scored 26 points and Dahntay Jones had 18 points as Indiana earned a split of the home-and-away series with Philadelphia.

Jones scored seven straight points late in the fourth quarter that helped the Pacers put this one away and improve to 6-18 on the road.

Brandon Rush scored 16 points, and Troy Murphy had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers.

Andre Iguodala scored 22 points and Allen Iverson had 20 for the Sixers.

Grizzlies 99, Magic 94

At Memphis, Tennessee, Zach Randolph had 23 points and 19 rebounds, and O.J. Mayo added 20 points as Memphis won its 11th straight home game.

Marc Gasol added 19 points, and Rudy Gay had 15 for Memphis. Mike Conley finished with 14 points and seven assists for the Grizzlies, who snapped the Magic's three-game winning streak.

With the victory, the Grizzlies matched their 24 win total from last season.

Dwight Howard led Orlando with 27 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks, while Rashard Lewis scored 19 points. Vince Carter had 15, while Jameer Nelson and J.J. Redick had 11 each.

Hawks 102, Rockets 95

At Houston, Josh Smith had 22 points and 10 rebounds as Atlanta snapped a 10-game losing streak in Houston.

Joe Johnson scored 20 points and Jamal Crawford added 17 as the Hawks won in the Toyota Center for the first time in seven visits.

Aaron Brooks scored 15 points and had five assists and Carl Landry added 16 points for the Rockets. Houston has lost seven of 11, including three of its past four home games.

Bulls 98, Spurs 93

At San Antonio, Derrick Rose shook off flulike symptoms to score 27 points as Chicago beat San Antonio for its third straight win.

Kirk Hinrich added 18 points for the Bulls, who again impressively beat a Western Conference team with a winning record on their seven-game road swing. They surprised Houston and Phoenix last week.

Tony Parker scored 20 points for the Spurs, who have lost five of six. Manu Ginobili scored 14 but was denied twice while barreling to the rim in the final 33 seconds.

Jazz 124, Suns 115

At Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 21 points and 20 rebounds, and rookie Wesley Matthews scored 10 of his career-high 21 points in the fourth quarter as Utah rallied for a win.

Andrei Kirilenko had 25 points and Deron Williams finished with 18 points and 11 assists for the Jazz, who trailed by 17 in the third quarter.

Steve Nash had 15 points and 15 assists, making him the eighth player in NBA history to surpass 8,000 assists.

Nuggets 104, Bobcats 93

At Denver, Chauncey Billups scored 27 points, and Aaron Afflalo matched his career high with 24 points as a depleted Denver beat Charlotte for a season-high seventh straight win.

Stephen Jackson had 22 points and Gerald Wallace added 20 for the Bobcats, who lost their third in a row since a franchise-tying six-game winning streak.

The Nuggets were playing without leading scorer Carmelo Anthony, who sprained his left ankle in overtime Saturday against New Orleans. They lost forward Kenyon Martin to an ejection late in the second quarter, and early in the fourth quarter, Denver's Chris Anderson got his feet tangled underneath the basket going for a rebound and crashed to the floor and didn't return.

Hornets 98, Trail Blazers 97

At Portland, Oregon, Chris Paul made a 15-foot jump shot with 3.8 seconds remaining to lift New Orleans over Portland.

With the Hornets trailing by a point, Paul was left wide open at the free throw line when he caught a pass and buried the shot. Paul led all scorers with 24 points and had 12 assists.

Marcus Thornton had 19 points, David West scored 18 and Emeka Okefor added 14 for New Orleans.

Juwan Howard and LaMarcus Aldridge had 16 points apiece for Portland.

2nd Wizards player pleads guilty to gun charge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington Wizards guard Javaris Crittenton pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gun charge Monday, explaining he had a pistol because he feared teammate Gilbert Arenas would shoot him or blow up his car after the two argued over a card game.

The hearing marked the first time authorities confirmed Crittenton was the other player involved in the confrontation with Arenas, who pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony gun charge.

D.C. Superior Court Senior Judge Bruce Beaudin sentenced Crittenton, 22, to a year of unsupervised probation after Crittenton pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of an unregistered firearm. Beaudin ordered Crittenton to mentor young people in Washington and to help with relief efforts for Haiti.

Beaudin didn't order a specific amount of community service but said his lawyer must report regularly on the work.

Crittenton must also pay a $1,000 fine and $250 into a victims' fund.

"I accept full responsibility for my bad judgment, my terrible mistake," Crittenton, who appeared in court wearing a gray suit and glasses, told the judge as he entered the plea. "I'm deeply sorry to the city of Washington, to the Wizards, to my family and to the NBA for this embarrassment."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Kavanaugh said the two players first clashed Dec. 19 over a card game on a team flight back from a game in Phoenix. Arenas said he was too old for a fistfight and threatened to shoot Crittenton in the face, and Crittenton replied he would shoot Arenas in his surgically repaired knee, Kavanaugh said.

Later, Arenas said he would blow up or burn Crittenton's car, Kavanaugh said.

Two days later, Crittenton put his legally owned, unloaded handgun into his backpack before he left his apartment in Arlington, Va., for practice at the Verizon Center, Kavanaugh said.

Crittenton put the backpack in his locker and went to see team trainers, Kavanaugh said. When he returned he saw several guns—Crittenton's lawyer said there were three, not four, as previously reported—on a chair in front of his locker with a sign saying, "Pick 1."

Crittenton tossed one of the guns on the floor and told Arenas to get the weapons off the chair. Then, fearing for his safety, Crittenton took the handgun out of his backpack and showed it to Arenas, Kavanaugh said.

However, Kavanaugh said there is no evidence Crittenton ever threatened anyone with the gun.

Prosecutors said Arenas told Crittenton: "You are going to need more than that little gun."

Kavanaugh said Crittenton voluntarily surrendered his gun to authorities. Police had searched his apartment Jan. 14 but didn't find it.

Crittenton's lawyer, Peter H. White, said his client was scared of Arenas. He emphasized that Crittenton, in his third year in the NBA, did not have the stature on the team that Arenas enjoyed.

White said that after Crittenton tossed one of Arenas' guns on the floor, Arenas said: "If I'm giving you these three guns, imagine what I have in my car."

Arenas has said repeatedly that the situation was a misguided attempt at a joke and that he never intended to hurt anybody.

Roddick out; Henin advances to semis in comeback

Justine Henin of Belgium returns to Nadia Petrova of Russia on her way to winning their women's singles quarterfinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday Jan. 26, 2010. AP

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Andy Roddick made a painful quarterfinal exit at the Australian Open on Tuesday, playing with an injured shoulder for five sets before losing to Marin Cilic.

The 21-year-old Cilic, who ousted U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro in the fourth round, became the first Croatian man to reach an Australian Open semifinal with his 7-6 (4), 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3 win.

Roddick needed a medical timeout for treatment on his right shoulder after the first-set tiebreaker and needed more attention while losing the second set, but he rallied surprisingly to win the next two and force a fifth set.

The 27-year-old American told the trainer he hurt his shoulder late in his five-set quarterfinal win over 2007 Australian Open finalist Fernando Gonzalez and that, during the first set against Cilic, it was painful to serve and hit high forehands.

Cilic earned the pivotal service break at the start of the fifth set and held off Roddick, who has not come back from two sets down in a major since his semifinal win over David Nalbandian at the 2003 U.S. Open.

His exit at Melbourne continues a record drought for American men at the majors, extending beyond six years since Roddick's last title at the '03 U.S. Open.

Former No. 1-ranked Justine Henin reached the semifinals in her Grand Slam comeback, beating No. 19 Nadia Petrova 7-6 (3), 7-5 to take out the last seeded player in her half of the draw.

Henin, unranked and playing on a wild-card entry at Melbourne Park, next will play Wimbledon semifinalist Zheng Jie, who beat Russia's Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-3 to equal her Chinese record for the best run at a major.

Henin went down a break in the second set before finding the range with her powerful groundstrokes and winning seven of the next nine games to finish off Petrova.

"I just went for it with my heart. Finally I could make it, and I'm very happy," Henin said. "At the end I played much more aggressive tennis.

"I didn't want to go to the tiebreaker. I wanted to close out the match."

The 27-year-old Belgian beat Petrova on Jan. 4 at the Brisbane International in her first match back on tour after almost 20 months in retirement.

Henin reached the Brisbane final, where she lost in three sets to fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters. It was Clijsters' win at the U.S. Open last September, in the third tournament of a comeback from two years in retirement, which inspired seven-time Grand Slam winner Henin to return to the tour.

Now she's two wins from emulating Clijsters' triumphant Grand Slam comeback.

Henin ended a highly successful run in Melbourne for Petrova, who ousted two reigning major champions on her way to the quarters: Clijsters in the third round; and French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the fourth.

Kirilenko had taken out big names in her section, too, starting with her 3-hour, 21-minute first-round win over 2008 champion Maria Sharapova and her fourth-round victory against last year's finalist Dinara Safina, who retired with a back problem.

The 23-year-old Russian was making her debut in the quarterfinals of a major and struggled with what appeared to be a hip or thigh problem. She was no match for Zheng, who was a wild-card entry when she reached the last four at Wimbledon in 2008 to become the first Chinese Grand Slam semifinalist.

Zheng has a career-high No. 15 ranking and also won China's first Grand Slam doubles titles, at the Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2006.

"It's very amazing for me," Zheng said of being the first Chinese player to reach the Australian Open semifinals. She said her victories here in doubles helped. "I feel this court for me is lucky."

Henin retired suddenly in May 2008 while holding the No. 1 ranking and has not played at a major since losing in the quarterfinals to Sharapova at the 2008 Australian Open. Henin won the title here in 2004 and reached the final in 2006, when she retired due to stomach problems against Amelie Mauresmo of France.

The loss to Sharapova confirmed to Henin that she needed a break.

"There was my little voice that was saying to me that I should go away because I needed something else at that time, to breathe differently again without tennis," she said. Since her comeback, her inner feelings have changed, she added: "Little voice that is very positive. Thank you."

Henin's ability to lift her intensity on key points showed against Petrova, who has never gone past the semifinals at a major.

After being forced to a tiebreaker in the first set, Henin raced to a 6-1 lead and clinched it, two points later, with one of her classic backhand winners.

In the second set, Henin was trailing 0-3 when she started to climb back. She won the next four games to take a 4-3 lead.

The next four games went on serve to give Henin a 6-5 lead.

Belgian flags waved from the stands and Henin walked out to the baseline pumping her fist, swinging a practice backhand and jogging in place, determined to break Petrova's serve. And she did, to a standing ovation from the crowd.

During the match, Royal Australian Air Force fighter jets roared overhead, canons exploded and helicopters whirred past, all part of the celebrations for Australia Day.

Roger Federer and Serena Williams ended local hopes of breaking a three-decade drought at the Australian Open on Monday, the eve of the national holiday.

Federer beat former No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt 6-2, 6-3, 6-4—his 15th straight win over the Australian—and defending champion Williams defeated No. 13 Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-2 in back-to-back fourth-round matches on Rod Laver Arena.

"It's important when you're playing a local girl to not let the crowd get too involved or else they'll kill you," said Williams, who only conceded seven points on her serve in the 65-minute match.

The main story lines after Monday's play: Federer will play Nikolay Davydenko; and 2008 champion Novak Djokovic will meet 2008 runner-up Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the quarterfinals.

Serena and Venus Williams are each a win away of setting up a sisters semifinal.

Venus Williams advanced with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 win over Francesca Schiavone and will play No. 16 Li Na, who ousted U.S. Open finalist Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-3. Li beat Venus in the 2008 Beijing Olympics quarterfinals, their only previous meeting.

Four-time Australian Open champion Serena Williams will play seventh-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who won the last 10 games to beat No. 9 Vera Zvonareva of Russia 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

On the men's side, No. 10 Tsonga had to go five sets for the first time in a career that has spanned 11 Grand Slam events to edge Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-7 (6), 9-7.

Davydenko held off No. 9 Fernando Verdasco 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3 to extend his winning streak to 13 matches, including victories over Federer and No. 2 Rafael Nadal.

Nadal, the defending Australian champion, takes on No. 5 Andy Murray on Tuesday night.

Bill Haas wins Hope Classic for 1st PGA victory

LA QUINTA, California (AP)—Bill Haas made a short birdie putt on the 18th hole to earn his first PGA Tour victory at the Bob Hope Classic on Monday, beating Matt Kuchar, Tim Clark and Bubba Watson by one stroke with an 8-under 64.

Haas was the last of three co-leaders to play the 18th, and an outstanding approach shot allowed him to two-putt his way to a 30-under 330 finish.

"I'd been wanting to win from the first tournament I played, but it's a process, and there's a lot to it," said Haas, a rookie in 2006. "It's special, but I don't know if it's a monkey off my back. I know how hard it was to win, and I'm grateful."

Kuchar and South Africa's Clark both had birdie chances on the par-5 18th at the Arnold Palmer Private course, but both missed their putts. Fourth-round co-leader Watson birdied the 18th to grab a share of second place.

After grinding through five rounds on four courses over six days in the rain-delayed tournament, Haas couldn't celebrate until his final shot. He's the 27-year-old son of Jay Haas, the 1988 Hope Classic champion.

After father and son practiced together in nearby Indian Wells last weekend when Bill Haas missed the cut at the Sony Open, Jay Haas traveled back from his own Champions Tour event in Hawaii just in time to watch his son finish the final round with back-to-back birdies.

"It's definitely neat that down the road, 22 years from now, we can look at both our names on the list here," Bill Haas said. "I'm not trying to compare myself to him. He's almost unreachable."

They're the eighth father-son combination to win on the PGA Tour, but Bill Haas spent most of the day trailing Kuchar, who came from three shots back and rocketed up the tight leaderboard. He had eight birdies in his first 11 holes, but just one in the last seven.

Pacman looks sharp already after two days of workouts, says Ariza

BOXING

MANILA, Philippines— Manny Pacquiao, the reigning world pound-for-pound king looks like "he didn't take time out" after his 12th round TKO victory over WBO welterweight champion Miguel Cotto at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas last November.

That's the assessment of conditioning expert Alex Ariza after Pacquiao had two days of workouts at trainer Freddie Roach's Wild Card Gym.

Ariza said Pacquiao did several rounds on the punch-mitts and his usual routine but would start his strength and conditioning exercises on Monday.

Ariza said Pacquiao planned to begin sparring on Thursday. Ariza added, "he is looking sharp already" in preparation for his title defense against tough Joshua Clottey at the $1.2 billion Dallas Cowboys stadium on March 13.

Pacquiao's adviser Michael Koncz told us that Pacquiao's training "went very well. Training is going good and Manny is feeling good."

Broadcaster Hermie Rivera who lives in California and is well known for having steered Luisito Espinosa to the world bantamweight title and Morris East to the light welterweight crown informed us that he had spoken to Roach about Pacquiao's training and quoted Roach as telling him, "Pretty good on the first day. No problem at all. He was punching hard. He's weighing 149 pounds right now. Perfect for the agreed upon welterweight limit.

Asked about what they could expect from Clottey, Roach said "He'll be aggressive. He'll try to kill us. He comes forward, he's strong and he fights. That's what he does. Its not a problem. I'm reviewing tapes on how Clottey handles lefties."

Roach added that "If a knockout comes that would be our bonus but I'll be getting ready for twelve hard rounds." ***(PDI)***

PROSPECTS

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cho and had only Jack Lizama and Romeo Iginoef manning the shaded lane against the Prospects trio of Barbo, Chris Paul, and Mike Wright.

Prospects led by as much as 11 in the third canto, but Ol'Aces repeatedly bounced back behind Lizama and finally grabbed the lead, 52-50, on Dan Barcinas' fastbreak layup. Ol'Aces kept the lead, 54-52, entering the final canto with Lizama getting his 14th point in the third period alone.

It was a nip-and-tuck game in the payoff period when Sanciangco arrived and quickly suited up for Prospects. He announced his presence to the match with a pair of free throws to give Prospects a 67-65 lead and later made two three-point plays. Sanciangco failed to make two bonus shots, but went 1-for-2 in his next trip at the stripe to lift Prospects to a 76-71 lead, 1:04 left on the clock.

Ol'Aces never recovered from thereon, as they committed a couple of errors and missed a few shots in the stretch.

After Sanciangco's split, Pete Iguel rushed to their frontcourt and lost the ball. Prospects also made an error in the ensuing play, but Ol'Aces failed to cash in on the mistake when Tyrone Omar muffed a layup.

Ol'Aces had another chance to cut the lead when Quincy Johnson lost the ball, but Barcinas missed a putback and only split his charities, leaving Prospects with a four-point lead, 76-72, 33 seconds to go in the game.

Another Prospects error gave the leather back to Ol'Aces, but a give-and-go play between Lizama and Iguel faltered, returning possession to the eventual champion.

Johnson missed two charities in the next play and Ol'Aces boosted their chances to extend the series after Lizama made a layup, cutting the lead to a deuce, 74-76, nine seconds left on the clock.

Ol'Aces gave up a preemptive foul on Barbo, who split his free throws for Prospects' three-point lead. Ol'Aces then failed to send the game into overtime when Gabriel White missed a triple from the top of the key and Prospects grabbed the rebound and melted away the clock.

As expected, Bonbon Cadagat top-scored for Prospects with 19 points, while Barbo chipped in 15. Errol Peredo added 12, while Sanciango tallied all his eight points in the final canto.

Lizama paced Ol'Aces with 21 markers, while Barcinas made 14. Iguel, who scored 11 in Game 1, was held to four points and was scoreless in the second half.

Prospects 77 – Cadagat 19, Barbo 15, Peredo 12, Sanciangco 8, Aughenbaugh 4, Paul 4, Wright 4, Inos 2.

Ol'Aces 74 – Lizama 21, Barcinas 14, Diaz 8, Iginoef 8, E. Rangamar 6, Omar 5, Iguel 4, White 3, L. Rangamar 2, Tumaquip 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-14, 36-37, 52-54, 77-74.

CADAGAT

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75-68 win against the second-seeded Ol'Aces.

With Ryan Sanciangco and Darwin Barbo out in Game 1, Cadagat kept Prospects afloat in the first period against a strong and shrewd Ol'Aces team, hitting three early triples and scoring 13 of the team's 22 points.

The ensuing quarters were still a Cadagat show, as the pintsized player continued to connect shots from way beyond the 3-point area, elude several defenders with his fancy dribbles, and even make acrobatic shots against taller Ol'Aces defenders.

Cadagat's well-applauded play came in the early part of the fourth quarter when he stole the ball from Ol'Aces' Gabriel White, drove to the left wing, made the shot with his back turned to the basket, and drew a foul from the latter. Cadagat completed the three-point play for his 29th point of the match.

In Game 2, Cadagat was limited to 19 points, as he sat out the first five minutes of the fourth quarter. However, when he returned to the court, he canned a patented long triple to break the deadlock, 65-62, and Prospects never fell behind from thereon.

Prospects went on to take Game 2, 77-74, to sweep the series and at the awards ceremony, a relieved Cadagat received an especially crafted Finals MVP trophy.

Cadagat is oftentimes criticized for being too fancy, his tendency to ball-hog, and failure to lead his two previous teams to a championship. He was among the eight candidates in the regular season MVP race, but did not get enough votes from fans to make it to the Top 3 and lost to a more finesse Kae Bernardo of Noni Saipan.

However, after leading Prospects to a title win, it was clear that Cadagat was the right man for the coveted award and the Finals MVP trophy sort of redeemed him against his detractors.

"It's okay to be criticized because this will only make you a better player. I don't mind people shouting at me on the court. I just look at them, smile, and focus on my game. If they don't like how I play, I can't do anything about it. This is how I play, if I'll change my style, it will be hard for me to excel," Cadagat said.

"I would like to share this Finals MVP award to my teammates. Without them, it will be hard for me to play," Cadagat added.

CELIS

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lis homered in three of his last four trips at home plate.

Freedom Air was ahead by only one after six complete innings, 21-20, when Celis' two-run homer sparked a rally and gave the team a 28-20 advantage. SaiPal failed to extend the game when the best it could do at the bottom of the seventh inning was reached second base.

Freedom Air improved to a 5-2 record, tying its victim in fifth place.

Island Rebels 20, Calikano 12

Island Rebels kept their perfect record, following a 20-12 win over Calikano.

The victory was Island Rebels' sixth, putting them a win away from league-leading Natibu.

Calikano was in the game only in the first two innings when it led, 12-9, but lost the driver's seat after Island Rebels stepped up on defense shutting out their foes in the last five innings.

Byron Kaipat went 2-for-3 for Island Rebels and drilled three RBIs, while Roy and Toi Celis, Mitch Aaron, and Jeff Isaac added two RBIs each.

Red Eye 10, Ramblers 7

James Ulloa went 2-for-2 in his last two trips at bat after flying out in his first stint at the plate to lift Red Eye to a 10-7 win over Ramblers.

Ulloa's three-run triple at the bottom of the fourth inning turn a 3-all score to 7-3 lead and Red Eye never trailed from thereon. In his last trip at bat at the bottom of the sixth, Ulloa doubled and Red Eye preserved the win after shutting out Ramblers at the top of the seventh.

Man Amigos 22, Fuegu 7

Man Amigos nailed the easiest win Friday night, whipping Fuegu, 22-7.

Man Amigos bagged their seventh victory in eight games after only four innings, as they shut out Fuegu in the first two innings to take a 9-0 lead.

An 11-run top of the third widened the gap further and although Fuegu finally made it to the scoreboard at the bottom, drilling three runs, these were not enough to prevent Man Amigos from walking away with a big win.

HEO

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32, 6-1, 6-1, to set up a Round of 16 duel against Heo.

With his win, Heo improved his career record in singles to 5-19. He holds a 7-19 mark in doubles. The 17-year-old Simich has an 8-8 record in singles and 6-7 in doubles.

In the doubles tournament of the same event, Heo was paired with Fiji's Christopher Hargrove and the Pacific Oceania Touring Team members drew a bye in the opening round after getting the No. 8 seed in the 32-team draw.

In the Round of 16, Heo and Hargrove dueled New Zealand's Benjamin James McGillivray and Elliot Darling and lost, 5-7, 3-6.

From Christchurch, Heo will go to Auckland for the Auckland 18 and Under ITF Summer Championships that will run from Feb. 1 to 6 at the Scarbro Tennis Centre. Heo will complete his New Zealand trip via the Tennis Central 18 & U ITF Summer Championships that will be held from Feb. 8 to 13 at Renouf Tennis Centre in Wellington.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	13	.690	—
Toronto	23	22	.511	7 1/2
New York	17	26	.395	12 1/2
Philadelphia	15	29	.341	15
New Jersey	3	40	.070	26 1/2

Southeast Division

Atlanta	29	14	.674	—
Orlando	29	16	.644	1
Miami	23	21	.523	6 1/2
Charlotte	21	22	.488	8
Washington	14	29	.326	15

Central Division

Cleveland	35	11	.761	—
Chicago	21	22	.488	12 1/2
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	15
Indiana	16	29	.356	18 1/2
Detroit	15	28	.349	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	29	15	.659	—
San Antonio	25	18	.581	3 1/2
Memphis	24	19	.558	4 1/2
Houston	24	20	.545	5
New Orleans	24	20	.545	5

Northwest Division

Denver	30	14	.682	—
Utah	26	18	.591	4
Portland	27	19	.587	4
Oklahoma City	24	20	.545	6
Minnesota	9	36	.200	21 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	33	11	.750	—
Phoenix	26	20	.565	8
L.A. Clippers	20	24	.455	13
Sacramento	15	28	.349	17 1/2
Golden State	13	29	.310	19

Yesterday's Games

Indiana 109, Philadelphia 98
Boston 95, L.A. Clippers 89
Cleveland 92, Miami 91
Memphis 99, Orlando 94
Atlanta 102, Houston 95
Chicago 98, San Antonio 93
Denver 104, Charlotte 93
Utah 124, Phoenix 115
New Orleans 98, Portland 97

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
James, CLE	45	461	342	1345	29.9
Anthony, DEN	38	384	327	1130	29.7
Durant, OKC	44	427	372	1289	29.3
Bryant, LAL	43	451	263	1219	28.3
Wade, MIA	43	411	298	1162	27.0
Ellis, GOL	41	421	198	1071	26.1
Nowitzki, DAL	42	381	271	1061	25.3
Bosh, TOR	44	367	319	1059	24.1
Roy, POR	40	328	213	924	23.1
Arenas, WAS	32	253	153	722	22.6
Jamison, WAS	33	267	135	719	21.8
Johnson, ATL	42	347	121	887	21.1
Stoudemire, PHX	45	356	227	939	20.9
Randolph, MEM	42	348	176	876	20.9
Maggette, GOL	41	271	298	849	20.7
Evans, SAC	39	296	194	807	20.7
Gay, MEM	40	313	166	825	20.6
Kaman, LAC	38	324	126	774	20.4
Duncan, SAN	39	309	160	778	19.9
Jackson, CHA	42	304	171	837	19.9

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Perkins, BOS	198	311	.637
Gasol, MEM	233	386	.604
Howard, ORL	244	408	.598
Hilario, DEN	230	390	.590
Horford, ATL	244	418	.584
Bynum, LAL	256	457	.560
Stoudemire, PHX	356	637	.559
Landry, HOU	254	455	.558
Lee, NYK	339	610	.556
Millsap, UTA	182	329	.553

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, ORL	44	164	418	582	13.2
Noah, CHI	41	160	344	504	12.3
Camby, LAC	41	128	357	485	11.8
Lee, NYK	42	101	377	478	11.4
Randolph, MEM	42	189	288	477	11.4
Wallace, CHA	41	84	371	455	11.1
Bosh, TOR	44	129	357	486	11.0
Haywood, WAS	41	174	263	437	10.7
Boozer, UTA	43	83	374	457	10.6
Duncan, SAN	39	121	289	410	10.5

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Paul, NOR	35	391	11.2
Nash, PHX	45	493	11.0
Rondo, BOS	40	385	9.6
Williams, UTA	39	373	9.6
Kidd, DAL	43	395	9.2
B. Davis, LAC	42	340	8.1
James, CLE	45	355	7.9
Westbrook, OKC	44	323	7.3
Arenas, WAS	32	230	7.2
Duhon, NYK	42	262	6.2

BOB HOPE CLASSIC SCORES

LA QUINTA, California (AP) — Scores Monday from the Bob Hope Classic, a $5 million US PGA Tour event at four par-72 courses: 6,950-yard p-PGA West Palmer Course; 6,890-yard n-PGA West Nicklaus Course; 7,060-yard q-La Quinta Country Club; 7,403-yard s-SilverRock:

FINAL

Bill Haas	68q-66s-66p-66n-64p–330
Matt Kuchar	67q-69s-67p-65n-63p–331
Tim Clark	70n-63p-67q-66s-65p–331
Bubba Watson	66q-62s-68p-69n-66p–331
Alex Prugh	64n-66p-65q-70s-67p–332
Mike Weir	67p-67n-67s-67q-66p–334
D.J. Trahan	69p-68n-65s-68q-66p–336
Kevin Na	69p-66n-67s-69q-66p–337
Matt Jones	69n-67p-69q-66s-66p–337
Chad Collins	67p-64n-69s-70q-68p–338
Vaughn Taylor	66n-67p-73q-65s-67p–338
Brandt Snedeker	70p-69n-65s-66q-68p–338
Ryan Moore	69q-67s-66p-67n-69p–338
Kevin Streelman	70s-71q-63n-64p-70p–338
Brian Gay	71p-65n-70s-68q-65p–339
Kevin Sutherland	69n-71p-68q-65s-66p–339
Steve Elkington	69p-65n-68s-68q-69p–339
Derek Lamely	68p-69n-66s-71q-66p–340
Graham DeLaet	71q-69s-67p-66n-67p–340
George McNeill	65q-72s-65p-70n-68p–340
Kevin Stadler	67s-69q-69n-67p-68p–340
Jason Dufner	72s-67q-64n-69p-68p–340
Richard S. Johnson	69n-69p-65q-68s-69p–340
Jeff Klauk	66q-72s-67p-65n-70p–340
Martin Flores	66p-65n-65s-72q-72p–340
Charles Howell III	68n-69p-66q-71s-67p–341
Jeff Quinney	64n-74p-69q-67s-67p–341
Pat Perez	68s-69q-68n-70p-66p–341
Bo Van Pelt	73s-70q-66n-67p-65p–341
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Michael Bradley	74q-68s-70p-64n-68p–344
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Ryan Palmer	72s-67q-64n-69p-72p–344
Rod Pampling	67q-70s-70p-70n-67p–344
David Toms	70q-70s-67p-70n-67p–344
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Jeff Overton	68p-68n-69s-69q-71p–345
Chris DiMarco	72n-67p-66q-68s-72p–345
Jamie Lovemark	71q-71s-66p-69n-68p–345
Joe Durant	71s-69q-69n-70p-66p–345
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Billy Mayfair	71p-71n-69s-66q-69p–346
Chris Wilson	69n-67p-71q-71s-68p–346
Lee Janzen	69s-70q-66n-70p-72p–347
Greg Chalmers	70p-69n-68s-69q-71p–347
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Tom Gillis	68p-66n-72s-72q-69p–347
Josh Teater	71s-69q-69n-70p-68p–347
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Island Rebels	6	0
Man Amigos	7	1
SaiPal	5	2
Freedom Air Flyers	5	2
Chura	5	1
San Roque	3	2
Ur Balls	4	2
6-Pack	4	3
Hitz	4	3
Blazers	3	3
Calikano-Falcons	3	4
Red Eye	3	4
G-Ballers	2	5
Go For Broke	2	5
Berdax	1	4
Team Familia	1	5
Lancheros	1	5
X-Terminators	1	5
Team Fuegu	1	6
Ramblers	1	7

3rd Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run

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Participants in the 3rd Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run sprint from the starting line at Micro Beach early Saturday morning.

Members of Inatuas Cultural Dance Group perform a ceremonial dance before the start of the 10-mile race.

Employees of DFS Saipan pose for a group photo after completing the race.

Men's runner-up Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel touches the banner at the finish line.

Daniel Stafford raises his arms after making it to the finish line.

Fred Camacho finishes ahead of a Japanese runner.

The Lee family, Aaron, Eun Kyoung, Jake, and Nam Chong, pose for a group photo at the finish line.

Rob Schultz, right, and Chang Jang near the finish line of the 10-kilometer race.

Neildino Taisacan, Sachi Takeuchi, and Brad Ruszala hold hands as they near the finish line.

Two Japanese runners are all smiles after getting their finishers t-shirts.

LeBron saves Cavs in win over Heat

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade walked off the court at halftime, smiling toward each other after an epic performance worthy of superstars. 24

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Roddick out; Henin advances to semis in comeback

Andy Roddick made a painful quarterfinal exit at the Australian Open on Tuesday, playing with an injured shoulder for five sets before losing to Marin Cilic. 25

Prospects claim UBA caging title

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Darwin Barbo and Ryan Sanciango made up for their absence in Game 1, as the duo played crucial roles in Prospects' 77-74 win in Game 2 against Ol'Aces on Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The victory allowed Prospects to wrap up the short best-of-three title series and secure the championship in the 2009 UBA/Miller Lite Men's Basketball League.

Barbo gave Prospects stability on offense and rebounds in the second quarter of Game 2, while Sanciangco provided instant offense in the last 4:12 of the match to lift the team to a series sweep.

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After drilling only a pair of free throws in the first period, Barbo logged eight points in the second canto, as Prospects tried to break away from a close fight in the first period, taking 36-27 halftime lead. The first period ended with Prospects on top by only three, 17-14.

Barbo earned most of his points inside, as Ol'Aces were lacking enough bodies to push away the taller Prospects forward in the paint. Ol'Aces played without the injured Peter Cama-

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Members of Prospects pose with UBA officials James Lee, standing right, and Joe Diaz, standing left, during the presentation of the championship trophy in the UBA caging on Monday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Cadagat named UBA Finals MVP

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The choice was clear.

Bonbon Cadagat was unanimously selected Finals MVP in the 2009 UBA/Miller Lite Men's Basketball League after leading Prospects to a title sweep against Ol'Aces.

The Prospects' flashy guard earned the nod of the selection committee after his scintillating performance in the crucial Game 1 of the best-of-three championship series.

Cadagat, who played for full 40 minutes in Game 1, exploded for 32 points in the series-opener, as he almost single-handedly carried Prospects in their

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Prospects' Bonbon Cadagat goes for a layup against Ol'Aces during Game 2 of their title series in the UBA caging on Monday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Celis sets record in Freedom Air victory

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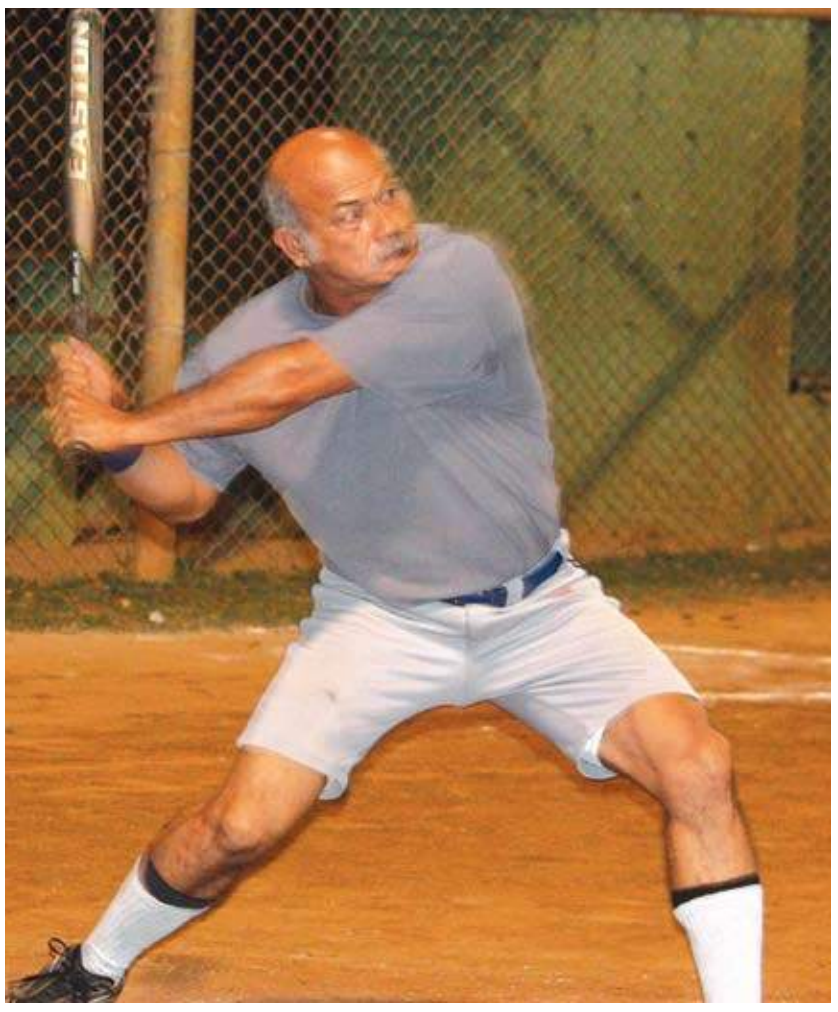

Freedom Air shortstop Reno Celis posted eight RBIs, leading his team to a 28-20 victory over SaiPal in Chamolinian Softball Association's 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League on Friday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Celis' eight RBIs are the most recorded in a single game in the league so far, eclipsing the mark set by three sluggers. Ur Balls' Oliver Secharmidal once tallied seven RBIs in their game against team Familia on Dec. 16, Natibu's Ned Norita achieved the same feat over Calikano on Dec. 30, while Advance's J.J. Cabrera also logged seven RBIs against Team Familia on Jan. 20.

Besides making a mark in RBIs, Celis also went perfect at bat, going 5-for-5. His grandslam in the fourth inning kept Freedom Air in the lead. Ce-

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Reno Celis makes a record eight RBIs in Freedom Air's 28-20 win over SaiPal in the Chamolinian softball league on Friday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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Heo wins opening match in New Zealand

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Ji Hoon Heo advanced to the Round of 16 of the 2010 Sunsmart 18 and Under Canterbury Championships after surviving his opening match on Monday at the Scenic Circle Tennis Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Heo, who was seeded No. 11 in the 64-draw boys singles, drew a bye in the first round. He was then paired against New Zealand's Jake McCartney and prevailed in straight sets to move into the next round.

The CNMI junior netter won the first set by four points, 6-2, and played even better in the second set with a 6-1 triumph. Heo's next foe is another New Zealand bet in Chris Simich.

Simich is seeded higher than Heo at No. 8. The Kiwi netter also enjoys a higher rank against Heo with Simich at No. 649 against the CNMI player's No. 850. The New Zealand bet, who reached the highest ranked of No. 626 early this year, also drew a bye in the first round and swept Alexander Babaine in the Round of

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Ji Hoon Heo, seen here going for a backhand return in a local tournament last year, won his opening match in New Zealand on Monday.